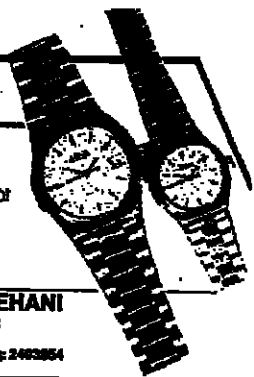


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## New labour law to be effective from March 22

THE new labour law, which has been enacted to cope with developments in the manpower market in the private sector, was published in the official gazette, Al Kuwait Al Youm yesterday.

The law will be effective from March 22.

One of the main clauses of the new law bans transfer of residence of workers before three years. People who have lived in Kuwait for 10 consecutive years are, however, exempted.

According to the new law, employers in the private sector cannot recruit foreign workers from outside Kuwait for jobs which Kuwaitis or GCC citizens can occupy.

The law also strictly bans foreign workers from working for anyone other than their sponsors. Violators will be deported at the cost of the second employer.

The new law also clamps a total ban on transfer of maids and similar residence permits to the private sector.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry has imposed an age limit for maids to be recruited.

According to a ministry decision maids should be at least 20 years old and should not be over 30.

## Blast kills 26

BEIJING, Jan 22, (AP): A private fireworks factory blew up in southern China's Henan province, killing 26 people and seriously injuring 18, the state-run radio reported today.

The blast of 15 tons of explosives, which occurred on Friday, gutted the factory located in a private house in Chenguang county, the radio said.

## Hashish seized

AMMAN, Jan 22, (Reuters): Jordanian narcotics agents have seized 450 kg (990 pounds) of hashish with a street value of \$849,000, the state-run news agency Petra reported today.

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Falaka: 19°C/66°F

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Ahmad: 13°C/55°F

Falaka: 13°C/55°F

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Kuwait: 33°C/91°F

Ahmad: 18°C/64°F

Falaka: 17°C/63°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 83 per cent

Ahmad: 81 per cent

Falaka: 74 per cent

## 'Expel terrorist elements, disband Force 17'

# US sets conditions for PLO role in peace talks

ABU DHABI, Jan 22, (Agencies): The United States wants the PLO to expel "terrorist elements," such as Achille Lauro hijacking suspect Mahmoud Abbas, from its ranks as a condition for a greater role in future peace talks, PLO officials said today.

The officials said the US also has asked the PLO to "disband" a special unit called "Force 17" that is responsible for guerrilla operations outside Israel.

"They set as conditions that we expel what they call terrorist elements, and have specifically named Abu Abbas," a source close to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said.

## Permission

Abul Abbas is the code name for Mahmoud Abbas, who is accused by the US of masterminding the 1985 hijacking of the ocean liner Achille Lauro, that led to the killing of an American passenger.

In return, the officials said, the PLO has requested US permission to set up a representative office in Washington and reopen its information office in New

York, which was closed last year following a bill passed by the US Congress.

The PLO also has asked US authorities to stop prosecuting PLO sympathizers in the United States, the officials said.

Other US conditions, according to the PLO sources, include approval of a Palestinian confederation with Jordan, which is still viewed by the US as having a major role in the Middle East peace process.

## Withdrawal

"America obviously favours a confederation with Jordan to include parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to its own interpretation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242," one source said.

He was referring to the discrepancies in the French and Arabic translations, which in contrast to the English version of the resolution, included the word "the" in the article that mentioned a call for Israeli withdrawal from the territories it occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Washington accepts the English version, which does not



Arafat

specify which parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip Israel should pull out from, while the 21-member Arab League insists the withdrawal should be from all the territories, including Jerusalem.

The sources said the US conditions were conveyed by US Ambassador to Tunisia Robert Pelletreau during the first round of US-PLO talks in Tunis last month.

Pelletreau has held two rounds of talks with PLO officials since Dec 16, when the outgoing administration resumed dialogue with the organisation

after a 13-year-old boycott.

Meanwhile, Arafat today called on "Arab kings, presidents and princes" to rally round the Palestinian uprising amid reports he seeks an early meeting with the new US Secretary of State James Baker to press his peace initiative.

"I ask you kings, presidents and princes to stand behind our people in facing the Israeli dangers against our women and children," Arafat said in an appeal distributed by the Palestinian news agency, Wafa.

After referring to "the new wave of crazy Israeli terrorism," Arafat asked Arab leaders "to use all your capabilities at all levels and at all international organisations to stop the savagery of the Israeli Army and the organised official terrorism against our masses."

Arab press reports today spoke of intensifying Arab efforts to arrange a meeting between Arafat and Baker.

Abu Dhabi's state-run daily newspaper Al Itihad said Egypt extended an invitation to Baker to visit the Middle East to pave the way for an international peace conference.

Quoting unidentified sources

in Cairo, the newspaper said Egypt's "intensive current efforts with Washington are aimed at arranging a meeting between Arafat and Baker during that tour."

The Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Madina also quoted unnamed sources at the same time as saying consultations were under way to prepare an Arafat-Baker meeting in Tunis in mid-February.

## Rejected

Arafat rejected as worthless an Israeli proposal for limited self-rule for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and elections to choose peace negotiators.

"It isn't worth the trouble to reply to these proposals which have been rejected even by Palestinian children," Arafat said today.

Jordan also rejected the proposal.

Bangladesh has upgraded the Dhaka mission of the PLO to an embassy, the Foreign Office announced last night.

French Foreign Minister

Roland Dumas arrived in Israel yesterday and repeated his country's support for an international Middle East peace conference.

## Iran ends costly oil tanker shuttle

ABU DHABI, Jan 22, (Reuters): Iran has halted the oil tanker shuttle through the Gulf "Exocet alley" that sustained its war effort during eight years of fighting with Iraq.

The shuttle tankers running from the besieged Iranian oil terminal at Kharg island to the relatively safe waters of the southern Gulf were often targeted by Exocet-firing Iraqi jets.

But since the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war, tankers have resumed sending their tankers to northern Gulf waters, by-passing terminals in the south beyond which few ventured after the shipping war began in earnest in 1984.

"All customers are loading at Kharg island, the last storage tanker must have left Sirri island by now," an oil industry executive in Tehran said in a telephone interview.

## Halts

The UN-brokered ceasefire halted attacks on shipping and Iran moved swiftly to shift its export terminal back from Larak island at the mouth of the Gulf to Sirri, 170 miles inside the waterway.

About 500 ships were attacked and 300 seamen killed in the Gulf between 1981 and the ceasefire, with shipping insurance claims totalling more than \$1 billion.

Iraq vowed to cut Iran's oil

lifeline from Kharg to the south but despite repeated raids on shuttle tankers and mother ships the oil continued to flow, feeding Iran's war chest.

At the height of operations, Iran was using 25 shuttle vessels and about eight storage tankers. Kharg island was frequently raided by Iraqi bombers and a seaman on a shuttle tanker once described the terminal as a mass of twisted pipes and concrete.

"Iran has so far repaired seven of the 14 berths on Kharg island," one shipping source said.

Shipping sources in London said the Kharg terminal could not yet serve tankers larger than 200,000 tonnes.

He said some of the large storage vessels used at Sirri would be stationed at Kharg to provide a backup.

During the war, Iran moved its storage facilities first to Sirri and then Larak terminal but long-range Iraqi jets twice raided Larak, causing considerable damage and hitting the world's largest tanker, the 556,000-tonne Seawise Giant.

Through its shuttle operations Iran managed to keep oil exports at between 1.5-1.7 million barrels per day. Shipping brokers late last year said the shuttle ships earned between \$15,000 and 20,000 each day.

## Impose sanctions on Iraq, urges Iran

NICOSIA, Jan 22, (AP): Iran called yesterday for sanctions against Iraq so that a United Nations-sponsored peace plan can be swiftly implemented.

A commentary broadcast on Tehran Radio and reported by the official Islamic Republic News Agency also said a deadline should be set for putting UN Security Council Resolution 598 into effect.

The report, said the way to ensure progress in the peace talks was for the United Nations to apply "corrective discipline" to Iraq.

## Appealed

The commentary did not mention any specific sanctions but appealed to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar "to think of other devices for implementing the resolution."

It also called for "more serious international actions" to pressure Iraq into withdrawing from Iranian territory it occupied dur-

ing the eight-year Gulf war and freeing prisoners of war.

The commentary was aired shortly before a special United Nations envoy, Jan Eliasson, was due in Tehran in an effort to restart stalled peace talks between the Gulf war foes.

A UN-mediated ceasefire in the Gulf war took effect last Aug 20 but peace talks that opened in Geneva five days later under UN auspices broke down immediately.

## Deadline

Two more rounds of talks failed to resolve the deadlock over troop pull-outs to pre-war borders.

UN Security Council Resolution 598 calls on Iran and Iraq to halt "all military activities" and honour the truce, withdraw troops to pre-war borders, exchange around 100,000 prisoners of war and start peace talks.



Gorbachev addressing the party conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Soviet involvement in Afghanistan a 'sin'

MOSCOW, Jan 22, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday described his country's nine-year military involvement in Afghanistan as a "sin" and indicated that it had fuelled state spending and economic problems.

Gorbachev, in a speech to a conference of the Moscow Communist Party, acknowledged the country was facing hard times but said the Soviet state had been somewhat unlucky in its recent attempts at economic reform.

Under Gorbachev's leadership the Soviet Union has pledged to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan by Feb 15. The Soviet forces were sent in December 1979 to bolster the Kabul government, now fighting Muslim guerrillas.

## Secret

The Soviet leader announced earlier this week that military spending would be reduced by 14.2 per cent of its present secret figure. He said such cuts were necessary to try to halt growth in the Kremlin's budget deficit.

In Kabul, a senior Soviet commander acknowledged today that Moscow was ending with a sense of failure its nine-year war against the guerrillas.

"We have not succeeded in everything we planned to do here," Maj Gen Lev Serebrov, political officer at the Soviet military high command in Kabul, told Western correspon-

dents today.

Meanwhile, Iran-backed Afghan rebels have rejected a plan by Pakistan-based guerrillas calling for an interim government after the withdrawal of Soviet troops, Tehran Radio said today.

The radio said four Shiite Afghan guerrilla leaders said they would boycott the proposed consultative council, which the numerically more powerful coalition of Pakistan-based Sunni rebel groups had agreed would meet next month to approve proposals for a temporary Afghan government.

## Divided

The Shiite rebel leaders called instead for a united front until the Soviets complete their scheduled pullout on Feb 15.

Muslim leaders fear divided Afghan guerrilla groups may turn against each other, causing a bloodbath after the Russian withdrawal and the collapse of the Soviet-backed government of President Najibullah in Kabul.

The Shiite leaders, operating mostly in western Afghanistan from bases in Iran, say they want greater representation in any interim government, and claim about a quarter of the population of Afghanistan is Shiite.

Sunni leaders reject this argument and put the number of Shiites in the strife-torn nation as closer to 10 per cent.

## Benazir to visit China next month

ISLAMABAD, Jan 22, (Agencies): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will visit China from Feb 11-14 on her first official foreign trip since taking office in December, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Benazir had promised that her first official visit abroad would be to China, a traditional ally of Pakistan. She accepted an invitation from Beijing last month.

China was a close friend of former military President Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a mysterious plane crash last August after 11 years in power.

## Agenda

Benazir, who met King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on a private visit there 10 days ago, became the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation after her Pakistan People's Party won elections last November.

The ministry spokesman said Benazir might also attend the funeral of Japanese Emperor Hirohito on Feb 24 but that her plans were incomplete.

The spokesman did not give an agenda for Benazir's China visit but she was expected to meet with Beijing's top leaders.

Reports in Pakistani newspapers said yesterday Benazir will also visit the United States, Britain and France soon.

## Demand for a written British constitution

LONDON, Jan 22, (Reuters): An increasingly vociferous group of Britons campaigning for a written constitution under the name Charter 88 has launched a campaign to win public support for a 10-point reform plan.

The group took out a two-page advertisement in the Sunday newspaper, The Observer, filled with the signatures of 1,000 members. The pressure group had only 200 members when it first published its document in December.

## Eroded

Charter 88, apparently drawing inspiration from Czechoslovakia's Charter 77 human rights group, was set up by a group of academics and intellectuals demanding that Britain's 300-year-old constitutional settlement be put down in writing and calling for a bill of rights.

The signatories say Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government had eroded civil

## DMK and allies emerge victorious

# Rajiv suffers a setback in Tamil Nadu polls

MADRAS, India, Jan 22, (Agencies): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi suffered a serious setback today in a bid to boost his re-election prospects, as his Congress (I) Party conceded defeat in Tamil Nadu state assembly polls seen as a critical test for the Indian leader.

G.K. Mooppanar, president of the Congress (I) Party chapter in India's southernmost state, admitted the party had lost the state election.

Sources in Madras told the Arab Times the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Party (DMK), of former Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi, and its allies won 170 of 232 seats for the 234-seat legislature. Polling in two constituencies were postponed because of candidates' deaths.

About 70 per cent of the state's 35 million registered voters cast ballots.

## Image

The Congress (I) Party, which had banked on scores of appearances by Rajiv to return it to power in Tamil Nadu for the first time in 21 years, won only 30 seats, the sources said.

Rajiv's political image and his standing within his party have been badly shaken by a string of state assembly and parliamentary losses, allegations of corruption in defence deals, charges he favours the wealthy over India's impoverished millions and party infighting that drove several influential members into the opposition.

Mainstream opposition groups have seized on the situation and are trying to unite to defeat Rajiv in the general elections in a "national front" alliance led by his chief political rival and former finance and Defence Minister, V.P. Singh.

The DMK forged alliances with Singh's Janata Dal, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and a faction of the Indian Union of Muslim League.

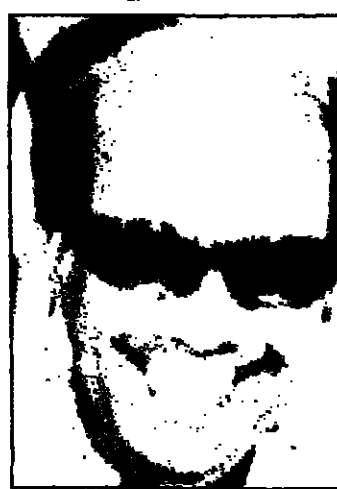
Hoping to improve his image by leading the Congress (I) Party to its first election victory in southern India since 1982, Rajiv visited Tamil Nadu 13 times in the past year — more than for any other state election campaign — to stump in scores of stops alongside popular stars of the state's Tamil-language cinema.

## Control

His main appeal was that the Congress (I) Party, with its control of national power, was the only political organisation which could solve pressing regional problems.

But Karunanidhi and other opposition leaders cast Rajiv as an interloper from northern India with no grasp of issues important to the state.

Sources said 25 seats were captured by a faction of the All-India Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) led by Jayalalitha, a former actress and friend of the late Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, a popular film star-turned politician who



Karunanidhi

governed the state from 1977 until his death in December 1987. Jayalalitha won.

A second AIADMK faction headed by Janaki Ramachandran's widow, won three seats. Janaki herself lost in the election. She telephoned Karunanidhi to congratulate him on his victory.

Shivaji Ganeshan, a popular film actor, and M. Arunachalam, a state minister in Rajiv's cabinet, lost.

Tamil Nadu has been under the direct control of New Delhi since January 1987, when the AIADMK government headed by Janaki Ramachandran collapsed after Jayalalitha led a revolt by legislators loyal to her.

"My party accepts the verdict of the people who voted for the DMK," Mooppanar told reporters at his headquarters in the state capital of Madras. "I expect the Congress (I) will do better next time."

Karunanidhi, whose party governed the state from 1966 until 1977, claimed victory, saying it represented "a verdict against the prime minister" and predicted Rajiv would lose parliamentary elections, which must be held before the end of the year.

As he spoke at his headquarters, about 10,000 supporters

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## Israeli government endorses crackdown

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 22, (Reuters): The Israeli government endorsed a new military crackdown on Palestinian protesters today as a general strike closed most of the occupied territories.

The crackdown has caused record casualties with at least 18 Palestinians being killed in the past 10 days and 52 admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds on Thursday and Friday alone.

"The prime minister expressed on behalf of the whole government support for the policy of the Army in the areas," Cabinet Secretary Eliakim Rubinstein told reporters after the weekly government meeting.

"This is a policy which is endorsed by the government, which is under instructions from the government and which is in the framework of the law," he said.

## Disobey

Parliamentarian Amnon Rubinstein of the centrist Shinui opposition party urged soldiers to disobey new Army orders to fire plastic bullets at Palestinians who hurl stones, burn tyres or set up roadblocks.

"Killing as a punishment, or as deterrence, is illegal, and therefore the new instructions are patently illegal and according to the law should not be obeyed," the Jerusalem Post quoted him as saying.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev of the Labour Party said it was an "illegal act for a member of parliament to encourage soldiers not to obey orders."

The United States, Israel's closest ally, last week criticised Israel for giving its soldiers more leeway and said lethal force should not be used when their lives were not endangered.



## Riot police clash with Seoul protesters

SEOUL, Jan 22, (Reuters): Riot police clashed with thousands of anti-government and anti-American demonstrators today in a protest called by a day-old alliance of 20 dissident groups.

More than 10,000 workers, students, labour activists and dissidents massed peacefully in a city street and then headed towards the headquarters of President Roh Tae-Woo's ruling Democratic Justice Party several blocks away.

Their way was blocked by about 1,000 riot police in black helmets and green uniforms and several hundred protesters responded with a barrage of petrol bombs and rocks, only to be driven back by volley after volley of tear gas.

Police arrested scores of protesters, kicking and punching many of them, during the hit-and-run battle which raged over three hours. There were no reports of serious injuries.

**Protest**  
Sunday's protest was called by the coalition for a national democratic movement, an umbrella organisation of about 20 dissident groups formed yesterday.

Some 3,000 activists massed on a Seoul University campus yesterday to launch the alliance that Seoul newspapers say may develop into a hardline reformist political party.

Sunday's clashes left the streets looking like a battle ground, littered with rocks and shattered glass. Many shop windows were broken by the missiles hurled by the protesters. Tear gas was used by police for the first time this year.

## Iranian minister tells Benazir

## Muslim unity will put an end to US Gulf presence

ISLAMABAD, Jan 22, (Reuters): Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Iranian Revolutionary Guards Minister Ali Shamkhani agreed to step up co-operation when they met in Islamabad yesterday, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency said.

It quoted Ishaq Khan as saying: "We and other Muslim countries of the region must strengthen and widen the present co-operative ties so as to pave the way for really meaningful and productive collaboration in all fields, including economic and technological."

He said Pakistan was praying for the success of peace talks between Iran and Iraq and was willing to help in any way towards a settlement of the war.

**Relations**  
Shamkhani, who arrived on Friday, said his visit would "open a new window" on relations between Iran and Pakistan. He said Iran, Pakistan and other Islamic countries should co-operate on achieving unity

The radicals shouted "drive out Americans" and slogans accusing the government of colluding with business conglomerates to suppress labour activism and demanding the repeal of what they said were repressive laws.

**Anti-Americanism** has become a strong element in recent protests by radical students, who blame the United States for the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945 and the installation of a series of repressive rulers in the South.

### Award

Among the new coalition's leaders are Kim Kun-Tae, winner of the Robert Kennedy human rights award in 1987 and Lee Bu-Yong and Chang Ki-Pyo, who were released from jail under a presidential amnesty last year following conviction for organising a 1986 street riot in the western city of Incheon.

Lee told reporters yesterday the alliance was formed to bolster a campaign for "democracy, the survival of the masses, the withdrawal of foreign troops and nuclear weapons (from South Korea) and unification of the Korean peninsula."

The United States has more than 40,000 troops stationed in South Korea under a mutual defence treaty but US and South Korean military authorities refuse to either confirm or deny the existence of nuclear weapons in the South.

President Roh last month ordered a crackdown on violent anti-government and labour protests, saying they would harm national development.

## Offer to re-legalise Solidarity 'clears way for talks'

GDANSK, Poland, Jan 22, (Reuters): Solidarity today welcomed an offer by the Polish Communist Party to re-legalise the banned union and said it paved the way for talks.

Solidarity's national executive commission KKW said in a statement: "The KKW is of the opinion that negotiations (with the communist authorities) should start as soon as possible."

The government offered talks with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa in August but Walesa had refused to attend until the authorities promised to consider legalising the union, suppressed since 1981.

### Enshrined

Solidarity's executive commission met yesterday in the northern port of Gdansk to decide if the party's offer, made in a central committee document issued on Thursday, removed the last obstacle to round-table talks on Poland's future.

The document enshrined the introduction of trade union and political pluralism and lifted a 1982 ban on forming new unions.

"The Solidarity KKW treats the party central committee document on the re-introduction of trade-union pluralism and the legalisation of Solidarity as a basic step towards social dialogue," the Solidarity statement said.

"We expect there will be suitable decisions by state institutions to follow it. We state that a possibility of negotiations about Solidarity and other national matters has been created."

The statement said Solidarity expected the authorities to respect trade union freedoms as outlined by international convention.

"For our part, we express the wish to act in accordance with the legal order and our union's statute for the overall interest of Poland," it added.

The wording appeared to meet the party's main condition for lifting the ban on Solidarity—its recognition of the communist constitution.

### Revived

Solidarity said the revived form it and its programme would take would be democratically decided by its members.

Its statement called for an overhaul of legislation on labour disputes that would allow them to be resolved by negotiation and compromise, and urged all bodies participating in public life to put the good of the country above their own interests.

### Alexandria port

ALEXANDRIA, Jan 22, (Reuters): Egypt's principal Mediterranean port of Alexandria and a nearby oil terminal reopened today after weather improved, harbour officials said.

## Sakharov likely to fight Politburo member for Parliament seat

## Gorbachev urges party to forge closer links with the people

MOSCOW, Jan 22, (Reuters): Mikhail Gorbachev is urging the Communist Party to change its style and methods to avoid what he calls coercion and bureaucracy and forge closer links with the Soviet people.

The Soviet leader, in a speech yesterday to Moscow party officials, said the party had at times failed to take sufficient account of changes in society and must respond better if it was to remain at the country's political vanguard.

"How many matters have we overlooked — promising matters with regard to the life of society, the mood of the people, the processes taking place in the spiritual and cultural sphere?" Gorbachev said in the speech broadcast on television.

Describing the Communist Party as a powerful force at all levels, he said it was time for

changes in its style and methods of its work, through correct policies and ideology rather than by coercion and bureaucracy.

### Methods

"It must be this (powerful force) not through coercion, not through bureaucratic methods, but through policies, through its ideology and through its personnel policy. These are the functions of the party and this is the direction in which it must transform the style and methods of its work," he said.

"Our task is to show ourselves as the political vanguard... this means more attention to the primary party organisation... a closer link with the people," Gorbachev declared.

Referring to calls for a multi-party system to promote the cause of democracy, he defended the one-party system as some-

thing that had come about for historical reasons and had existed for decades.

But he said the party would set up mechanisms to record public opinion and to adapt its policies accordingly.

Against a background of severe economic problems, Gorbachev has embarked on a radical programme of political reform centring on elections to a new executive parliament to replace the existing rubber-stamp Supreme Soviet.

Meanwhile, Soviet human rights activist Andrei Sakharov, for years an isolated and persecuted figure reviled by the authorities, was nominated today by a mass public meeting as Moscow candidate in forthcoming general elections.

"This man stood as a mountain of decency and honesty dur-

ing the years when lies and half-truths dominated our life," writer Ales Adamovich told a packed hall near the Kremlin to thunderous applause.

A representative of the state electoral commission told reporters the nomination was completely legal, indicating Sakharov would almost certainly stand against Politburo member Vitaly Vorotnikov in the election on March 26.

Vorotnikov, 63, is one of the 12 members of the Kremlin's inner cabinet and was recently appointed President of the Russian Federation, the country's largest republic.

In the past, the Soviet Union has had only single-candidate elections which gave no possibility for a challenge to leaders. Officially, candidates routinely received some 99 per cent of the votes cast.

## Saddam pays gratitude visit to North Yemen

NICOSIA, Jan 22, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein returned home from Sanaa today after a surprise visit to North Yemen, the only country whose regular troops fought alongside Iraq in its eight-year war against Iran.

Diplomats said his visit, following the signing of a series of co-operation accords in Baghdad yesterday, was clearly aimed at showing Iraq's appreciation for the war-time help.

"If Yemen participated alongside the heroes in Iraq to defend the eastern gate of the Arab world for the whole of eight years of war, then this was a national and fraternal duty between two brother countries and armies," the official North Yemeni news agency Saba quoted Hussein as saying.

### Honoured

Hussein decorated members of North Yemen's "Brigade of Arabism" last week and honoured 53 of its soldiers who were killed in battle. The brigade later returned home to a big ceremonial welcome in Sanaa.

Hussein has visited "only one other country: Egypt, since a ceasefire took effect between Iraq and Iran last August. Egypt also supplied soldiers for the war, but only as volunteers within the Iraqi Army."

Diplomats said the part played by the North Yemeni regular soldiers was little more than symbolic, with two brigades numbering only a few thousand men alternating duty in Iraq.

"However, they were sent early enough in the war so that people could not accuse North Yemen of jumping in at the last minute to curry favour," said one diplomat.

"They were there while other Arab countries were being careful not to do anything to offend Iran."

### Repay

Diplomats said Hussein's talks with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh almost certainly covered the economic or military aid which Iraq might provide to repay North Yemen for its war-time service.

Saba said the two leaders discussed bilateral issues, Palestinian peace moves and United Nations efforts to bring about a lasting peace between Iran and Iraq.

One diplomat said Iraq might be considering supplying Sanaa with weapons captured in combat from Iran and sending battle-experienced officers to help train the North Yemeni Army.

"Iraq's delivery of captured weapons to Jordan has set a precedent," he said.

On Saturday, at the end of a four-day visit to Baghdad by North Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdulghani, Iraq promised to provide technical assistance under a series of co-operation accords covering oil, commerce and culture.

The two countries also established a joint high commission for economic, cultural, scientific and technical co-operation.

## Ballerina Makarova will dance in Leningrad

LONDON, Jan 22, (Reuters): Russian-born prima ballerina Natalia Makarova left for the Soviet Union today for the first time since she defected to the West nearly 20 years ago.

Makarova, 47, one of the world's best ballerinas, was making an emotional return to her homeland following invitation from her former ballet troupe, the Kirov of Leningrad, with which she was reunited in London last August.

Makarova was due to be met at the airport in Leningrad by her mother, whom she had not seen since 1970 when she left the Soviet Union.

The tiny dancer, just five feet

(1.6 metres) tall, was accompanied by her American husband, businessman Edward Karkar, whom she married in 1976. She will dance in Leningrad on Jan 26 and Feb 1 and fly back three days later.

As she boarded the flight at London's Heathrow airport, Makarova told reporters: "I cannot describe the feeling I have of being able to return. It's simply indescribable. When I received the invitation to return I was very surprised because I didn't think it would come so soon."

"The thing I'm looking forward to most is seeing my mother again. The last time I saw her was in 1970."



Bush tries his skill on the guitar at a celebration for young Americans. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush ends his inaugural parties with musical bash

WASHINGTON, Jan 22, (AP): US President George Bush put a hard-rocking finish to the weekend of inaugural parties at a rollicking bash where new Republican Party chairman Lee Atwater jammed with a stage full of rock music legends, including Ron Wood, Sam Moore and Joe Cocker.

The new President, after giving a double thumbs-up when the star-studded performance of "high heeled sneakers" came to an end, mounted the stage himself last night and was presented with a gleaming white guitar carrying the legend "the Prez."

The 64-year-old Bush got right into the rhythm of things, trying to follow Atwater's fingerwork on the song, "Soul Man," but it was all for show: the gift guitar wasn't plugged in.

At one point, the 37-year-old Atwater, a Rhythm and Blues fan from South Carolina, dropped to his knees, then fell back to the floor, all the while strumming his guitar.

"I taught Lee everything he knows about that kind of dancing," joked Bush, who the night

before was pained to take even a few waltz steps with the first lady, Barbara Bush and several of their children also were at yesterday's rock concert, clapping and cheering throughout.

"Listen, I want to get this show (to) keep going. That was marvelous, absolutely wonderful," said the president. "I know when to shut up and I know when to say something. This is a time to shut up."

The big band on stage included Steve Cropper and others from the Blues Brothers band. Wood once played with the rolling stones. Moore was famous as part of the soul singing duo, Sam and Dave.

Bush's 32-year-old son, Marvin, helped organise the rock affair.

Moore presented the guitar to Bush. After trying his hand at "Soul Man," Bush gave up and waved Atwater off.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is a dream come true... you're going to hear the greatest of Rhythm and Blues and Soul," Atwater told the crowd before some of the best-known singers in the genre took the convention centre stage.

### Entertain

"Tonight is not the night for politics... we're going to have the time of our lives tonight," said Atwater, who likes to entertain friends with his own guitar playing.

Among those who led off the show were Percy Sledge singing his classic "When a Man Loves a Woman," and Koko Taylor, the so-called queen of the Chicago Blues.

### Vibrating seats

BEIJING, Jan 22, (Reuters): China plans to equip new cars and trucks with special vibrating seats to prevent accidents by massaging drivers' bottom according to ancient acupuncture principles, an official newspaper said today.

The China Daily said the electrically-powered seat cushions stimulated circulation and relaxed muscles by pummeling three acupuncture points on the body, reducing driver fatigue.

### UK denial

LONDON, Jan 22, (Reuters): A private London hospital today denied reports in British newspapers that it knowingly paid poor Turks £2,000 (\$3,500) to donate their kidneys for transplant.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Death toll rises

LONDON, Jan 22, (Reuters): The number of deaths from the Jan 8 crash of a Boeing 737 in central England rose to 45 yesterday after one of the injured victims died in hospital.

The British Midland plane crashed on a flight from London to Belfast in Northern Ireland after an engine fire, killing 44 people.

A spokesman for a hospital in Nottingham, central England, identified the dead man as Walter Gordon. Gordon's wife died in the crash.

### Assault rifles

LOS ANGELES, Jan 22, (AP): Sales of AK-47 assault rifles have increased at some gun stores since one was used in a schoolyard massacre, dealers said.

One gun dealer said he plans to stop stocking the weapon, and concerns that distribution will be further restricted prompted the sales surge, sellers said.

"The gun was already a popular gun," Al Campbell, general manager of Western Surplus, said on Friday. "Now, everyone wants to get it before the distribution is stopped. It's having a profound effect on sales."

### Fallen engine

CHICAGO, Jan 22, (UPI): Federal investigators yesterday examined a jet engine that fell off a Piedmont Airlines Boeing 737 on takeoff from O'Hare international airport and was "still turning when it hit the ground."

The National Transportation Safety Board recovered the engine and its mounting apparatus on Friday and sent them to its laboratories in Washington for analysis, said William Bruce, NTSB's chief investigator on the case.

### Monastery blaze

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Jan 22, (UPI): Fire raged through a famous Buddhist monastery on the slopes of Mount Everest, destroying precious manuscripts and costumes, authorities said today.

Officials said the blaze at the Thyangboche monastery began on Thursday evening and continued to burn today despite the firefighting efforts by the Army, police and foreign trekkers.

There was no immediate estimate of damage nor any clue to the origin of the blaze.

### Nuclear test

MOSCOW, Jan 22, (Reuters): The Soviet Union conducted an underground nuclear test today at its test site near the central Asian city of Semipalatinsk, the official news agency Tass reported.

It said the explosion had a yield of 20 to 150 kilotonnes.

## Rajiv suffers a setback in Tamil Nadu ...

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thronged the compound in downtown Madras, cheering, shouting slogans and setting off thunderous volleys of firecrackers.

A meeting of DMK legislators was called for Jan 25 to formally elect Karunanidhi as chief minister. No date has been set for his or his cabinet's swearing in.

Ghulam Nabi Azad, a Congress (I) party general secretary, said in New Delhi that the state elections were not "a barometer" of Rajiv's popularity and would have no bearing on his general election prospects.

Tamil Nadu polls were seen as important because Rajiv personally led the Congress (I) party campaign there in a test of strength before his first bid for re-election since his landslide December 1984 parliamentary victory that followed the assassination of his mother and predecessor, Indira Gandhi.

A record 87 per cent of some 333,000 voters participated in polls also held yesterday for the 40-seat assembly of the jungle-covered northeastern state of Mizoram, while in neighbouring Nagaland, 75 per cent of some 583,340 voters chose a new 60-member legislature. The tabulation of results in the two states was not due to start until tomorrow.

### Resign

Rajiv suffered another blow today when the party leadership asked the Congress Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh state, Arjun Singh, to resign after a court ordered an inquiry into a lottery with which his family is connected.

Rajiv, sent Arjun to Madhya Pradesh in central India last year to rebuild Congress fortunes before national elections.

But the party leadership moved against Arjun today after a court last week ordered a probe into a lottery managed by his relatives. Arjun denied in his resignation statement he had done any wrong.

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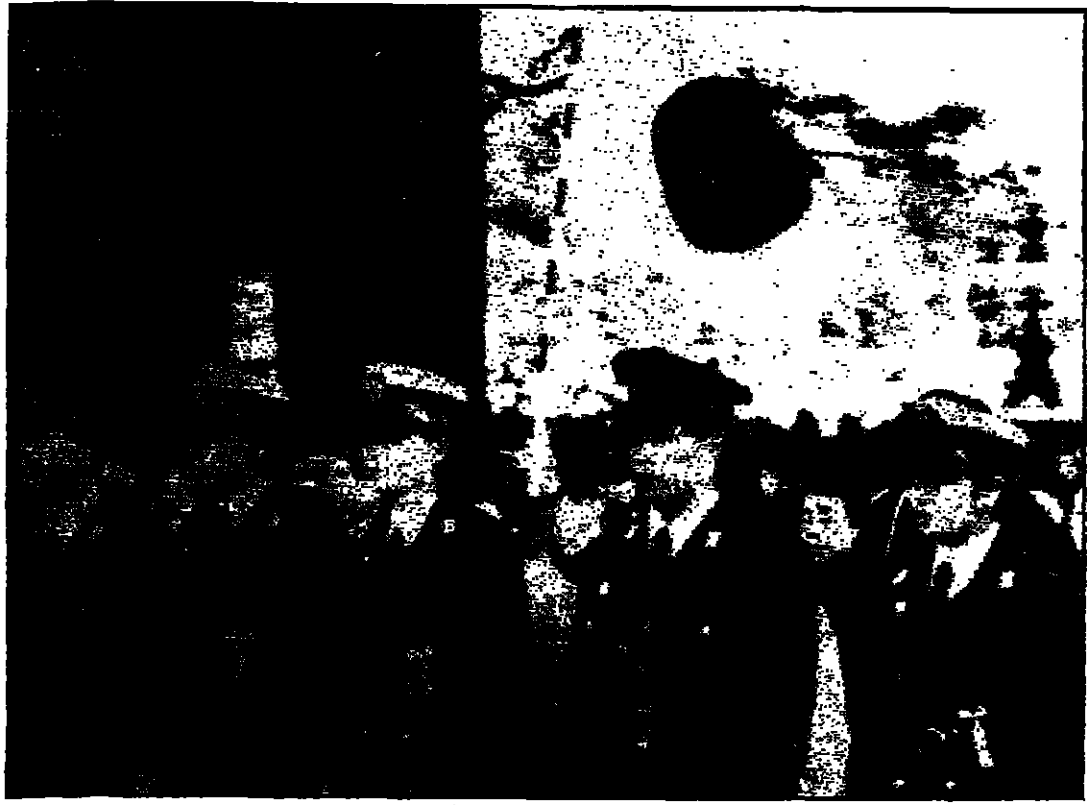
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A police squad leads mourners to the Imperial Palace grounds to pay last respects to the late Emperor Hirohito. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Cairo court refuses to transfer case of radicals

CAIRO, Jan 22, (Reuter): Lawyers for Egyptian revolutionaries accused of killing Israeli diplomats failed today in a bid to have the case heard by an emergency court instead of an ordinary tribunal.

The lawyers argued that the charges against the eldest son of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser and 19 others accused of involvement in the attacks came under the common criminal code.

They also sought the transfer as it would allow them to appeal if executions were ordered for 11 of the accused facing the death penalty, including Nasser's son Khaled Abdel.

The young Nasser, now in exile in Europe, is the only defendant being tried in absentia. Judge Emadeddin Ismail, presiding over the three-member panel, rejected the defence's arguments as baseless and adjourned the case, which opened last year, until Feb 14.

The defendants, who, the prosecution says are led by Mahmoud Nassef, showed their usual slogans denouncing Israel and the United States.

"Down with Israel. Down with America. Long live Arab Egypt," they chanted in the maximum security courtroom in the exhibition grounds of the Cairo suburb of Nasr City.

Ismail also ordered lawyers to present a detailed list of officials and politicians they wanted to call as witnesses.

They have already asked the court to subpoena several senior politicians, including Defence Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid and former Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

The Egypt's Revolution Group claimed responsibility for shooting dead two Israeli diplomats in 1985 and 1986, wounding one in 1984 and wounding two US embassy security men in 1987.

## PLO gaining stature in US

RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Jan 22, (UPI): The Palestine Liberation Organisation has been gaining stature in the United States, in part because of publicity about the uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank, a PLO official said.

Speaking at a meeting of the North Jersey Press Club, Dr Riyad Mansour said media coverage of the 13-month-old uprising has played a role in the changing status of the PLO.

"The TV footage has exposed the brutality of the Israelis, and that has made us more sympathetic," said Mansour, the deputy permanent PLO observer to the United Nations.

"No one can cover up the Israeli brutality anymore," he said.

Another sign of the PLO's increasing favour is the number of delegates to the 1988 Democratic national convention who supported the group: In 1984, there were 400 hundred pro-PLO delegates. By 1988, there were 1,200, mostly members of black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson's political organisation, Mansour said.

He did not mention, as contributing to the favourable atmosphere, that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat publicly acknowledged Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism, positions demanded by the United States as a precondition to any negotiations.

## Thousands of Japanese pay respects to Hirohito

TOKYO, Jan 22, (AP): More than 160,000 Japanese paid their respects before a portrait of the late Emperor Hirohito today as the Imperial Palace gates were opened to the public for the first time since the monarch died two weeks ago.

Palace officials said 164,300 people had visited by this evening on the first of three days when the palace grounds — but not the buildings — will be open to the public. They attributed the large turnout in part to sunny weather.

A cold morning wind did not stop more than 5,400 people from gathering at Nijubashi, the palace's main entrance, when a team of police officers pulled open the tall, wooden gate.

Uniformed police formed a row at the front of the orderly crowd as it marched slowly toward the east garden square, where a gold-framed photograph of Hirohito could be seen behind the bullet-proof glass of a palace balcony.

Displays of chrysanthemums, symbols of Japan's monarchy, stood on either side of the black-and-white photograph, taken when the emperor was 80 years old. Hirohito died of cancer on Jan 7 at age 87.

Government leaders and representatives of various

private groups already have paid their respects to Hirohito, whose state funeral is scheduled for Feb 24.

Foreign diplomats on Wednesday visited the palace's Matsu No Ma, or Pine Room, where Hirohito's body lies in state. The public has not been allowed inside palace buildings.

### Diplomats

Security around the palace was tight today, with traffic sealed off and at least 600 officers patrolling the grounds. Police watched from nearby rooftops as visitors stood in a carefully roped-off line that wound through gravel plazas outside the moated palace.

Police say at least six ultra-leftist groups, including the radical Chukaku-Ha, or middle core faction, have threatened to disrupt observances for the late emperor. No incidents were reported today.

Though conservatively dressed men and women made up most of the morning crowd, extreme rightists wearing black suits and ties were a visible presence at the palace.

One rightist group formed two rows in military style before bowing to the portrait, as officials tried to shoo news photographers away.

## W. German firms helped convert transport planes to tankers

# Libya 'capable' of refuelling jets

HAMBURG, Jan 22, (Reuter): The news magazine Der Spiegel says it has hard evidence that a West German firm helped Libya convert transport planes into tankers to refuel fighter jets in mid-air so that they can reach Israel.

The magazine report, backed up by a letter from the company concerned and stills from a video film, was the latest in a series of charges of co-operation between West German firms and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

Spiegel, in an edition to be published tomorrow, said the firm Intec had sent technicians and equipment to Libya to convert Hercules transporter jets and a Boeing 707 into refuelling planes for Mirage and MiG-23 fighters.

Government spokesman Friedhelm Ost said last Monday Intec had sent two fuel tanks to Libya, but that these could be used only on the ground.

Intec, based near Munich, has denied any involvement in refuelling Libyan jets.

Several West German companies are already under investigation after allegations that they violated export laws by helping Libya build what US intelligence sources believe is a chemical weapons factory at Rabta.

Bonn at first denied US allegations that German companies were involved with Libya, an avowed enemy of Israel.

The affair turned into a scandal for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government after it admitted that it had obtained intelligence information about the links months before formal enquiries were launched.

Spiegel printed a letter from Intec managers to technicians giving details of their flights to Libya. The timetable allowed time during a stopover at Zurich to open a Swiss bank account.

Spiegel also published four stills of what it said was a video film it had obtained showing Libyan fighters refuelling in mid-air. "The fighter jets are now able to fly to and from Israel," it said.

The magazine said the technicians had been based for the past three years at a centre 70 km (45 miles) from the Rabta plant. Libya says the new plant will make medicines only.

The US government has shown intelligence data to West German officials which it says proves the plant will make poison gas.

The US embassy informed the Bonn government of Intec's links with the Libyan Air Force in May 1988, the weekly said. Intec is one of the firms under criminal investigation for breaking West German export control laws.

In a separate report, Spiegel said an East German state company provided steel parts for construction work at Rabta.

Quoting intelligence sources, unidentified arms traders and a former East German Army officer, the magazine said the East German company knew the Libyan plant was intended to make chemical weapons when it joined the construction effort.

No comment was available from the East German government.

Meanwhile, a report said that the US assertion that Libya was building a chemical weapons plant involved luck, old-fashioned spying, high-technology surveillance and meticulous analysis.

But it was the deaths of wild dogs in the Libyan desert that provided the crucial clue that the plant was allegedly intended to produce chemical warfare weapons. The Los Angeles Times reported.

A toxic spill of chemical wastes at the site last August apparently killed the dogs, and panicked Libyans into breaching security by using international phone lines to call the West German firm helping them build the plant.

## Palestinian activist freed in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Jan 22, (AP): Salah Salah, a ranking leader of the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, has been released by Syrian authorities after an 8-month detention, a PFLP official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Salah was freed "yesterday and delivered safe" to the PFLP offices.

Also freed yesterday was Isam Abdel Latif, a senior member of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a DFLP official said.

Latif had been detained in Syria for 20 months, but no details were immediately available on his case.

Salah, 52, was arrested on March 8 in Lebanon on his way to the Syrian border after obtaining freedom for two kidnapped Scandinavian officials of the UN Relief and Works Agency, which cares for Palestinian refugees.

Salah is a senior member in the politburo of PFLP, headed by George Habash. He also chaired a committee supervising Palestinian affairs in Lebanon comprising all major factions of Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Palestinian sources in Lebanon have said the Syrians arrested Salah because he claimed for the PLO all the credit for the release of the two UNRWA officials, Jan Stening, 44, from Sweden and William Jorgensen, 58, a Norwegian.

The two were kidnapped on the outskirts of Lebanon's southern port of Sidon last Feb 5 and freed on March 1.

No group claimed responsibility for their abduction, but UNRWA officials blamed "disgruntled Palestinians acting individually without political motivation."

Salah was present for the Scandinavians' release in Sidon's Ein El Hilweh refugee camp, the PLO's main power base in Lebanon. He drove them over to Beirut and handed them over to UNRWA security officials.

Salah's action precluded credit for the hostages' release going to the Syrians, who maintain 40,000 peacekeeping troops in north and east Lebanon as well as Beirut's Muslim sector.

## Egyptian MP calls for 'Arab bomb'

CAIRO, Jan 22, (UPI): An opposition member of Egypt's parliament has urged the government to work with other Arab countries to develop "an Arab atomic bomb," since Israel does not want to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty.

Addressing the People's Assembly, Egypt's parliament, Saif El Islam El Banah said such a bomb would serve as a deterrent to Israel, believed to possess nuclear capabilities.

El Banah, a member of the Islamic Alliance opposition bloc, also urged the government to co-operate with fellow Arabs in launching an Arab satellite in response to the satellite Israel has lately orbited.

He said Israel's nuclear policy is aimed at "intimidating" Arabs and keeping them "haunted by fear and horror."

"I urge the government to co-operate with other Arab countries in order to develop an Arab atomic bomb ... to serve as a deterrent against Israel, which has been persistently refusing to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty ...," El Banah said.

## Three more Hindus hanged in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Jan 22, (UPI): Sikh militants dragged three Hindus out of a house in Punjab state and lynched them, warning "we will hang 1,000 Hindus" to avenge the execution of two Sikhs convicted in the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, police said today.

This is the third incident of its kind since Sarwant Singh and Kehar Singh were hanged on Jan 6.

Police said six extremists last night entered the village of Amekalan, 50 km south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, and dragged two Hindu brothers and a male relative from their home.

The three were then hanged on a nearby tree, police said.

"We will hang 1,000 Hindus to avenge the heinous crime which the Hindu-dominated government has committed by hanging our two heroes, Sarwant Singh and Kehar Singh," said a note found at the scene, according to police.

They said the note was signed by Sukhwinder Singh Sanga, the area commander of the Bhindranwale Tiger Force for Khalistan, one of the main Sikh

extremist groups fighting to create in Punjab the independent theocratic nation of "Khalistan."

The group takes its name from Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the separatist leader killed when Army troops in June 1984 stormed the Golden Temple of Amritsar, Sikhdom's holiest shrine, to end an occupation by heavily armed extremists.

Some 600 people, most of them Sikhs, died in the assault.

Sarwant Singh and Beant Singh, Sikh police officers assigned to Indira Gandhi's security detail, killed Indira at her residence on Oct 31, 1984, to avenge the assault.

Beant Singh was shot dead and Sarwant Singh was severely wounded by other security guards minutes after Indira was gunned down.

Sarwant Singh was convicted on Jan 22, 1986, of killing Indira; and Kehar Singh, a former government clerk, and Balbir Singh, Beant Singh's uncle, were found guilty of instigating and planning the assassination. All three were sentenced to death.

## Military exhibition in Dubai

# Iran to buy arms from UK

LONDON, Jan 22, (KUNA): Informal talks between Iranian procurement officials and British defence companies will take place this week at a UK military exhibition in Dubai, a leading British newspaper reported today.

The Sunday Telegraph quoted "British diplomats in the Gulf" as saying that Iranian officials will attend the show organised by the British defence company, Aerospace, and that Tehran has a long list of UK equipment it wants to purchase.

But the weekly recalled that British firms are still forbidden to sell "lethal" military items to Iran, but "hopes are growing in the industry that the resumption of Anglo-Iranian diplomatic relations late last year may open the way for limited sales."

The publication suggested that Iran is interested in buying Raptor air defence missiles and spare parts for its battered fleet

of Chieftain and Scorpion tanks.

However, the British Ministry of Defence stressed today that UK would not supply either Iran or Iraq with any offensive military equipment until a lasting solution to the Gulf war has been reached between the two sides.

Shipment

Meanwhile, an Austrian news magazine said today that a Los Angeles company was involved in the shipment of warplane engines and missiles to Iran last year in a sale worth more than \$500 million.

The respected Profil said the shipment apparently was made last May or June from Tampico, Mexico but it is not known whether it arrived in Iran.

Profil identified the Los Angeles firm as NBC-Sales, Naghdi International and said the deal was arranged by an Austrian businessman named Michael Machura, 42, the manager of the Vienna office of a

marketing and promotion firm named I.D.P.C., based in the Bahamas.

Washington has placed an arms embargo on Iran, making any weapons sales by US companies to the Iranian government illegal.

Machura told Profil that he had worked on a deal involving Iran but had backed out of it and was not guilty of any wrongdoing. In a Jan 17 statement to Profil, Machura said he visited Iran last May and June but had never delivered weapons.

"I have not sold a single bullet in my whole life or even offered one to anyone," Machura told Profil. "Someone is trying to do me harm. Someone is trying to destroy me."

Profil said in a letter dated May 15, 1988, Machura offered the arms deal to Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iranian parliament speaker and acting commander of the armed forces.

## Sudanese rebels shoot down plane

KHARTOUM, Jan 22, (AP): Sudanese rebels have shot down a military airplane over a besieged southern town in an attempt to occupy the area, a spokesman for the Sudan People's Liberation Army said today.

Lon Akol, spokesman for the SPLA, told the Associated Press the rebel group had surrounded the town of Nasir since September and was now trying to "create military conditions that would make it militarily wise to take over the town."

In a telephone conversation from the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, Akol confirmed earlier reports that the SPLA shot down a military plane on Saturday morning.

Last night, Sudan's Defence Minister Abdel-Maged Hamed Khalil announced the incident, saying the rebels shot down the plane with a surface-to-air missile, killing its pilot. He praised Col Mokhtar Mohammedin for carrying out eight successful raids against SPLA rebels besieging Nasir before being shot down.

SPLA radio, broadcasting from Addis Ababa, claimed the plane was a MiG-23, but rebel spokesman Akol did not identify

the aircraft and only said the Sudanese Air Force was carrying out raids on Nasir.

"These planes have been bombarding population centres and positions they suspect the SPLA is concentrated in."

On Dec 13, Sudan's armed forces general command announced that two military MiG-23 planes were missing. The rebels had then claimed to be holding one MiG-23 and its Libyan pilot.

Military sources in Khartoum told the Associated Press earlier last month that Libyan crews had been flying daily bombing runs against the towns of Nasir and Torit since September to relieve pressure on Army garrisons.

Nasir is 480 miles (770 km) south of Khartoum in the Upper Nile province, and Torit 295 miles (470 km) further south in the Equatoria province.

The SPLA, led by renegade Col John Garang has been fighting the Muslim-dominated government in Khartoum since 1983 for social and economic reforms in the mainly Christian and animist south.

The rebels claim to control 90 per cent of the southern countryside and small towns.

## Arafat asked to help free UK hostages

LONDON, Jan 22, (KUNA): Britain has made a "secret appeal" to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to help break the deadlock over the Western hostages in Beirut, according to a conservative newspaper.

The "dramatic move" to enlist Abu Ammar's help was made by British Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave when he met the PLO leader recently in Tunis, the Sunday Express reported.

Today, the Foreign Office in London said that it had no comment on the report, but a spokesman suggested that the subject "could well have been raised between the minister and Arafat."

For its part, the weekly said that they discussed the fate of the Church of England envoy, Terry Waite, and the other British and US hostages in Lebanon over a dinner of roast goat "in Arafat's heavily guarded villa."

It pointed out that the PLO chief pledged to do all he could. He also assured Waldegrave his "determination" to use his network to track down the bombers of the Pan-Am jumbo which crashed on Lockerbie over Scotland just a month ago, killing 270 people.

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## Egyptian culture minister to arrive soon

CAIRO, Jan 22, (KUNA): Egyptian Culture Minister Farouq Husni is to pay an official visit to Kuwait at the end of this month at the invitation of State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdel Aziz Al Rashid.

Official sources at the Egyptian Culture Ministry told KUNA that Husni will inaugurate during his four-day stay the Egyptian Formative Arts Exhibition, which will last for two weeks. Fifty Egyptian artists are to participate in this event.

The Egyptian minister will also hold talks with Kuwaiti officials aimed at promoting cultural relations in addition to signing a memorandum of understanding on cultural exchange between the two countries, the sources added.

## No increase in fuel prices

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): An official source of the Kuwait National Petroleum Company was today quoted in the press as denying any intention to increase domestic prices of benzene and kerosene in the foreseeable future.

The sources told Al Seyassah that fuel prices in Kuwait were equal to those in other countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

He explained that prices had been lower in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia but were brought on par following the recent rises ordered by the two governments.

## Saddam invites Bahraini Amir

MANAMA, Jan 22, (KUNA): Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa today received an invitation from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to visit Iraq.

The Gulf News Agency said that Iraq's Ambassador to Bahrain Taha Mohammed Al Qaisi delivered the invitation to Sheikh Issa when he was received by the Amir this morning.

The agency quoted Qaisi as saying that the Amir of Bahrain has accepted the invitation but no date for the visit was set yet.

He added that he reviewed with the Amir bilateral relations and means of boosting them.

## Africa Muslims agency completes first project

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): Director-General of Africa Muslims agency said here today that the agency accomplished its first project for repatriating victims of Sudan floods.

This project consists of a housing complex with a school, clinic, mosque and administration offices.

The agency will also construct a major Islamic centre in Dajen City to serve the mountainous region of central Nooba. The project will consist of a school, clinic, farm, mosque, and water wells and other facilities to the tune of KD150,000.

The Dajen project comes within a five-year plan to develop the area at the cost of \$5 million.

## New credit card

A NEW credit card will be introduced shortly to enable cash withdrawal from any bank in Kuwait, according to reliable sources.

This will allow clients to withdraw money from autobanks available at more than 120 branches in Kuwait.

The card will also be used for petrol from petrol stations of the Kuwait National Petroleum Company.

KNPC will accept the card at 74 petrol stations throughout the country. Computerised stations will automatically deduct the amount from the clients account at the bank.

## Sabah briefs Cabinet on role of Lebanon committee

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed acquainted the Cabinet today with the role of the six-party Arab Committee on Lebanon and the talks held by two Kuwaiti envoys in Beirut and Damascus.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashid said following the weekly meeting, held under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, that the ministers expressed satisfaction over the acceptance of the parties concerned with the Lebanese crisis to attend meetings of the committee in Tunis on Jan 30.

**Catastrophes**  
Rashed said that the Cabinet opened its session by listening to the message received by HH the Amir from Zimbabwe's President and Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Robert Mugabe regarding the natural catastrophes which some NAM states underwent and efforts to ease their problems.

For his part, Minister of Planning Abdul Rahman Al Awadi briefed the council on the outcome of meetings of the Gulf ministerial group on environment and development, during which methods of maintaining a clean environment were discussed.

The council then listened to a

report by Education Minister Anwar Abdalla Al Nouri on the outcome of the 41st session of the International Conference for Education and the 31st session of the Education Bureau Council held in Geneva recently.

**Draft law**  
The council also endorsed a draft law approving an agreement between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia regarding properties of both Saudi and Kuwaiti nationals in the neutral zone.

The agreement was signed by the interior ministers of both countries during HH the Crown Prince and Premier's visit to the kingdom last November.

The Cabinet also discussed a co-operation agreement in the field of protecting and maintaining antiquities among member states at the education bureau in Gulf countries.

It also reviewed an agreement on Arab co-operation in the field of relief operations to co-ordinate such measures in cases of natural disasters and emergency situations to extend the necessary aid to the countries that have suffered.

The council approved the previous agreements and decided to refer them to the Amir Diwan.

On the local front, it decided to open doors for government employees to volunteer full time in civil defence programmes, guaranteeing them full salaries during their service.

## Abdullah Al Mubarak awards announced

AMMAN, Jan 22, (KUNA): Sheikh Abdullah Al Mubarak Al Sabah's 1988 awards for scientific creativity in the Arab world were announced here last night.

The awarding committee which includes scientists and experts from the Royal Scientific Society in Amman selected seven creative works in the fields of natural and applied science to win the award of Sheikh Abdullah Al Mubarak Al Sabah, jointly sponsored by the Arab Thought Academy in Amman, the Egyptian Publishing Authority and the Royal Scientific Society in Jordan.

The awards aim at boosting scientific research and creativity among Arab youth.

In the field of Physics a Syrian youth won the first place, another Egyptian youth ranked

first in Environmental Science and a Kuwaiti girl achieved first place in the field of Biology.

The winners will receive certificate, and a medal, in addition to a cash prize of \$2,000. Those ranking second place will receive \$1,500 and those ranking third place will get \$1,000.

The Royal Scientific Society will publish all the works of the winners. Meanwhile, the Egyptian Publishing Authority will display their work at the yearly International Book Exhibition in Cairo, and will be circulated around the Arab world.

A special ceremony will be held on January 31 at the yearly book exhibition and the awards will be presented by the Egyptian laureate and novelist Najeh Mahfouz.

## Diplomat lauds Kuwait effort to end Lebanese crisis

AMMAN, Jan 22, (KUNA): Lebanese Ambassador here Dr Butros Ziadeh lauded Kuwait's efforts to bring life in Lebanon to normalcy.

Dr Ziadeh, in statements published here yesterday by local daily "Al Rai", said the initiative by Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed to send two Kuwaiti diplomats to Beirut was a "historic" decision.

The Lebanese diplomat dismissed as untrue views which believe the crisis in Lebanon was only of an internal nature, saying it contains several contradictions.

Had it been a merely internal

problem, it would have been solved long ago, he said, citing Lebanon's geographical location as a major factor in drawing other parties to intervene.

However, he said, Lebanon should shoulder special historic responsibility toward their country at the present time.

Israel, he added, has been doing its utmost to abort Lebanon's civilizational formula which contradicts its racist entity. Asserting that Israel has a tangible interest in the continuation of civil war in Lebanon, Ziadeh called on the UN to implement its resolutions over Israel's full withdrawal from Lebanon.

## 5 arrested for brewing liquor

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): Five Thais were arrested for making and selling liquor in Ahmadi governorate, an Interior Ministry press release said today.

It added that the five defendants confessed to the charges of making liquor and selling the bottle for KD8. They were arrested with 25 bottles in their possession.

## Iraq to release 255 Iranian POWs

BAGHDAD, Jan 22, (AP): The International Committee of the Red Cross will tomorrow start repatriating 255 Iranian prisoners of war whom Iraq unilaterally decided to release earlier this month, a senior Red Cross official said yesterday.

The official, Arnold Luethold, told the Associated Press that a plane chartered by the Swiss relief agency will fly about half the Iranian prisoners to Tehran tomorrow.

He said the plane would return to Iraq in order to take the second batch of POWs to Tehran on Tuesday.

He said the Iranians already have been examined by Red Cross medical staff, but declined to say whether all of them are willing to be repatriated.

Iraq and Iran halted a Red Cross-sponsored exchange of 1,158 sick and disabled POWs last November amid a dispute over the number of prisoners who were being repatriated.

A total of 155 Iraqi and 36 Iranian POWs were freed before the operation broke down on Nov 27.

A UN-sponsored cease fire in the 8-year Gulf war took effect last Aug 20 but peace talks that started in Geneva five days later are currently stalemated.

The ICRC says it has registered 50,182 Iraqi and 19,284 Iranian POWs but estimates the total number of prisoners at more than 100,000.

## Company executives react to private sector law

A COMPANY executive in Kuwait has suggested the setting up of a committee of representatives from the public as well as the private sector to study special cases of workers who will suffer because of the new labour law.

Mohammed Al Niggi, chairman of Arabian Light Metals said that specialists should be treated differently from ordinary labourers since the latter are unskilled while the former are highly qualified.

He further added that the new labour law has been issued several years late and that the previous law was contradictory and allowed both employees and employers to take advantage of loopholes.

**Opinion poll**  
Niggi pointed out that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Chamber of Commerce should have conducted a public opinion poll before issuing the law. He also added that the law should be humane.

Niggi said that the state benefits from employing expatriate workers because it spends nothing on educating and training them. It is also not obliged to take care of retired expatriates, he said.

Meanwhile an expert on manpower Al Musa said that the problems of trading in work permits, hiring foreign manpower

and getting nationals to work in the private sector cannot be remedied by issuing an administrative order.

He said that the majority in the private sector are those labourers who work for very low wages and that Kuwaitis will not accept such jobs even if private companies are ordered to hire them. The same also applies to GCC citizens, he said.

Musa added that the problem in the labour market should be taken care of by relevant authorities but not with an order.

**Consequences**  
He said that Arab expatriate manpower decreased from 50 per cent of the total expatriate manpower in Kuwait in 1980 to 46.5 per cent in 1985. Asians on the other hand increased from 38 per cent in 1980 to 52 per cent in 1985.

Commenting on the economic consequences of the order, Musa said that many expatriates are classified as production and normal workers. They reach about 210,000 workers of the total of 539,000 workers, according to census of 1985.

This category of people are not very well paid anyway and they will not be affected if they want to shift from one company to another which in turn means that the order will not have any

positive economic consequences.

A Kuwaiti businessman, Jassem Al Wazzan, praised the new order but took objection to the ban on transfer of residence for three years.

He asked why an employee could not transfer his work permit if he had the approval of both the new and old companies. Some companies go bankrupt and close down before the three year period, he said.

Wazzan added that employing Kuwaiti and Gulf citizens is a national duty, but who will ensure they will not leave their jobs? Expatriate manpower can be controlled, he said.

On the other hand, there is a wage difference between expatriates and Kuwaitis, he said and proposed that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour should publish a salary scale for Kuwaiti and Gulf citizens working in the private sector.

He added that some companies need workers to work part-time only or to do temporary jobs, but the labour law forces the employing of full-time workers. He also suggested the period of residence of foreign workers be increased from two to five years as in the public sector. He also called for better facilities for the workers in the private sector can bring their families to live with them in Kuwait.

## Barre holds official talks with Amir

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): Visiting Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre today called on His Highness the Amir at Bayan Palace where official talks were conducted.

Minister of the Amir Diwan said that discussions centred on Arab and African issues in view of the recent international developments.

Discussions between the two leaders were friendly, he added.

Meanwhile, Somali Minister of Information met here today with his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmad.

Somali Minister of Higher Education Abdulla Miri also met, with Kuwaiti Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri.

Bilateral co-operation between the two countries in information and educational fields was reviewed at the meetings.

The two Somali ministers accompanied President Mohammed Siad Barre, currently visiting the country.

HH the Amir later in the evening hosted a dinner banquet in honour of the Somali President and the accompanying delegation.

## National day celebrations begin Feb 1

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmad today said that official celebrations of the National Day will begin on Feb 1 through the end of the month, by hoisting flags all over Kuwait and over government buildings and decorating and lighting buildings at night.

Sheikh Jaber expressed belief that citizens' participation on this national occasion will be manifested in the brightest way, expecting mass participation which will strengthen patriotism under the leadership of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

The minister, who is also head of the National Day Celebration Committee, said that the committee will convene to discuss special arrangements for this occasion. All ceremonial activities and programmes will be announced so that citizens can show their patriotic feelings during the occasion.

## Gulf education researchers discuss co-ordination

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (KUNA): Officials of education research departments in the Gulf states today resumed their meeting here, for the second day running, and discussed a paper on directions and requirements of co-ordination.

The paper, presented by researcher Dr Fouad Fareed of the Arabic Centre, indicated the importance of co-operation and co-ordination among educational research apparatuses and reviewed spheres of co-ordination on local, regional and Arab levels.

He pointed out the various means followed by his centre to achieve such a co-ordination citing in particular intensive meetings of the centre's administrative board and those of a committee entrusted with following up development and unification of curricula in member states.



Cleaners of the various buildings of the Ministry of Communication on strike.

## Ministry cleaners strike for back pay

By Basam Al Qasas

ONE hundred and sixty cleaners working at buildings of the Ministry of Communications went on strike because they have not been paid their salaries for the past eight months.

Each labourer has been hired for KD35 per month and the strike has led to a cleaning crisis at the ministry's facilities. Some of the workers said that the company who imported them from abroad domiciled ten workers each in one room without taking health or social factors into consideration. They added that they contacted the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour frequently to submit complaints, but in vain. Their wages have not been paid since last May.

The labourers claimed that officials at the cleaning company pledged several times to pay them but failed to do so.

Meanwhile, one employee disclosed that one official at the company had claimed that the company had no money. The official threatened to cut off the water and electricity from their accommodations if the strike continued, he added.

The employee claimed that the official told them that other strict actions too will be taken against them.

**Oman, Chad establish diplomatic ties**

MANAMA, Jan 22, (AP): The Sultanate of Oman and Chad have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, the Gulf News Agency reported yesterday from Muscat.

A joint statement said it was hoped these ties would boost friendship and co-operation between the two countries, the agency said.

## Religious meeting

THE Kuwait Kerala Islahi centre held a religious meeting recently, where the centre's officials pointed out the importance of sincerity in one's belief and deeds.

Another official explained the Islahi movement in Kuwait as well as in Kerala. Competitions were also held in Quran recitation, education, Islamic songs and quiz.

## ROPME meets to discuss pollution

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (Reuters): Gulf environmental experts met today to discuss ways to improve pollution research and monitoring within the Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME).

ROPME co-ordinator Badria Al Awadi said the Gulf looked forward to an era of development after last August's Iran-Iraq ceasefire that ended eight years of fighting.

Kuwait-based ROPME groups Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rahim, ROPME's programme adviser, told Reuters the meeting would review recommendations from an ad-hoc committee and also examine guidelines used in the preparation of national environmental reports.

**Data**  
He said available data indicated a trend toward increased pollution in the Gulf from industry. "We see in coastal areas land-based sources of pollution that have increased the levels of certain contaminants from industrial activities," he said.

ROPME is due to meet next month to discuss ways to tackle dangers to the marine environment left by the Iran-Iraq war, including mines, oil spills and sunken ships, officials said.

Ministers from ROPME states agreed to deal with the problem jointly last year in Kuwait.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## Bahrain steps up efforts to help disabled children

BAHRAIN is stepping up efforts to help disabled children to acquire proper education and lead a normal life under the special education campaign. According to a top education official the island has in general, like other developing nations in the world, about ten per cent physically, mentally and emotionally disabled children of school age.

Until the mid 1940's the problem of treating disabled children was a universal one, when more often than not a handicapped child received proper help only after he or she reached the age of nineteen. However, after World War II with improving medical expertise and educational aids the issue began to receive increasing attention worldwide.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, Hassan Al Mehri, Assistant Undersecretary for General and Technical Education, highlighted existing facilities for the welfare of disabled children in Bahrain and proposed plans to improve and increase services.

"Under the special education campaign we educate and train children of schoole age between 6 to 18," he said.

**Integration**  
Mehri also added that a special education committee has been formed to deal with the problem of disabled children in the island. "Our aim is to seek the eventual integration of disabled children in the mainstream of society. We are working to prepare them for normal life with proper schooling," said Mehri.

The committee of special education comprises of representatives from the Ministries of Education, Labour and Social Affairs, welfare societies and the Bahraini University.

According to Mehri, who is also head of the committee, the government has initiated a four-programme campaign with various institutions to help disabled children.

Special classes have been introduced for "slow learners" of the 10-12 age group in normal schools. A special curriculum has been designed to teach students.

Tutorial is provided by a total of eight Bahraini teachers, especially qualified in teaching disabled children.

**Progress**  
"Depending on the level of progress students are gradually moved to normal classes in schools," said Mehri. He added that children with a mild disability stand better chance of going to normal school.

The Al-Noor Institute for the Blind is active in providing education and vocational training for students from Bahrain as well as the Arab world.

The Centre of Rehabilitation of Iso Town provides training classes for the deaf under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

The Home Institute is another unique institution that serves handicapped children, including retarded and deaf, for special training and education. The Institute is run by Mother and Child Welfare Society. Students are taught practical skills to equip them to take up employment in certain technical fields later in life, while the Home of Rehabilitation serves as a training centre for severely retarded children.

**Policy**  
As part of the policy for increasing tolerance for disabled children in Bahrain, the Arabian Gulf University offers post a graduate diploma for teachers in special education.

The Assistant Undersecretary said that Bahrain makes use of overseas technology and expertise regularly for disabled children in the island. He cited that the government sends about sixty handicapped students every year to the Kuwait Institute for Special Education.

Meanwhile, a workshop on special education was organised recently in Bahrain by UNESCO's regional education bureau in conjunction with the Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture.

**Recommendations**  
Among the recommendations included in the five-day workshop to draw up plans on special education in Bahrain were: emphasis on co-ordination to make maximum use of existing facilities for disabled children; to increase existing facilities; to increase the number of teachers in the field of special education; to highlight the issue of disabled children by increasing public relations efforts through the media.

"It is very important that there is a general awareness among the public on disabled children in Bahrain. With collective efforts we can help reduce the problem. To do this there must be early detection or diagnosis of the defects of the victims. In this regard parents have a very important role to play," said Mehri.

The recommendations of the workshop are being reviewed for implementation by the committee of education of the Ministry of Education, headed by Education Minister Dr Al Fakhr.

## Computer seminar

A SEMINAR on "Computer Systems for Engineers" was held at the Gulf Air Club on 18th January, 1989. The seminar was attended by 123 participants, consisting of members of the Institution of Engineers (India), Bahrain Society of Engineers and invited guests from various government and private organisations in Bahrain.

## Schools re-open after mid-term break

A TOTAL of 375,242 students and 27,799 teachers commenced the second educational term for the current academic year on Saturday, ending the mid-term holidays which began on Jan 5.

Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed, assistant undersecretary of Information and Student Affairs, called on students to resume educational activities with greater energy and hard work.

He also asked them to evaluate their performance over the first term and to weigh the outcome of their efforts as to double them this term and score better results.

The official added that those

who failed to score satisfactory grades in certain subjects must make up for their failure, bearing in mind that excellent performance reflects responsibility exhibited by hard workers.

He called on teachers to show better understanding of the students' problems and to extend all possible help to overcome any failures. He emphasised that the ministry spared no efforts to develop the educational process, through the provision of well qualified and accomplished teachers, necessary teaching aid and the right atmosphere to ensure better educational output.

## Traffic symposia to be held by Road Safety Society

OVER the past five years the Road Safety Society has been successful in fulfilling its aims, according to Dr Nabil Abdul Raheem, secretary-general of the society. He added that during this period, 120 meetings were held.

Raheem said that the society's board thereby decided to enhance the scope of its activities, develop the level of its meetings and organise more symposia, addressing a greater portion of Kuwaiti intelligentsia to be held outside the society's headquarters.

To carry out this desire, a number of important traffic subjects are being scheduled for extensive discussions with high academic figures and specialists. The first will be tackled in a symposium on Jan 30, dealing with "Undisciplined traffic patterns exhibited by drivers."

Another symposium will be held on Feb 13, which will discuss the scientific approach to raise public traffic awareness, and a third on Feb 27, which will clarify social effects of road accidents on the individual and family.

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## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## A recipe for tacky action movies

By Fathima Ahmed

HINDI film-making has come close to perfecting a recipe for tacky action movies. The formula to replace all clichés: the "save the nation (recipe) from terrorists" and one-way ticket (for viewers) to disasters like Meri Zabaan, (the latest in the series, Vardi was reviewed last week).

Originality is in short supply, particularly in Hindi films. Once film-makers hit upon a formula, it is repeatedly hashed and rehearsed until it becomes familiar, so much so that a regular film buff knows every cliché in the book.

The formula: a maniac is obsessed with the insane idea of destroying the nation with a mission to divide and rule; create hatred among the masses, distribute guns and sell drugs for good measure. With such a daunting task, the villain's numerous accomplices, scattered all over the world, turn up like rotten potatoes at his beck and call to spread a reign of terror. There is no hope, none at all, of reprieve. In this scenario appears an honest, God-fearing man (in recent times, he is invariably a journalist), who speaks nothing but the truth, which is a dangerous habit for the endangered species (he is

pursued by groups of men carrying machine-guns, and the like). To add spice to the stale curry, the mother is separated from her eight/10/12-year-old son/daughter etc. The children become street urchins and grow up in designer clothes in the slums. They also learn all the tricks of the trade: how to outwit the villain and come out winners.

As the journalist "rots in jail for ever" the maniac removes "every obstacle in the path of terror." Your worst fears come true.

Though Meri Zabaan, the newspaper, is shut down, the film goes on, much to the agony of viewers. Faisa and Saleem take the credit for repeating, sorry, writing the story/screenplay of Meri Zabaan, adding more clichés like the mismatched romantic triangle etc., etc. The weak plot falls apart as the scriptwriters try to patch up the loopholes in the theme.

Do you know Mohan Singh Baggad? He is the man who is behind all those action-packed (sic) scenes in the film and who teaches you how to survive bullet wounds, escape from the fury of hand grenades and come out alive after being hit by several grenades.

The biggest surprise of Meri Zabaan is the debut of Shashi Kapoor as the newest don, the



Farha stars in Meri Zabaan

maniac who creates the "save the nation" slogan for Krishna (Mithun). Sometimes, one feels that if we did not rely on superman-saviours like Krishna/Vijay/Munna/etc., etc. our world would fall apart in Hindi films.

Farha plays the romantic lead; Kimi Katkar appears in a brief cameo. Tanuja, despite her age, looks beautiful in the movie. Amjad Khan, the villain-turned-comedian, makes a gigantic effort to woo viewers as Malpani, the corrupt

police officer who helps Krishna. Mithun Chakraborty's job is the least envious in the movie. He seems to be crumbling to pieces under the burden of saving the nation.

National pride, or the lack of it, is the concern of the performers of a Pakistani satire called Bakra Qstoon Peh (A Sheep on Instants). The pun is on the Pakistani obsession, as is implied in the play by Mohammad Sharief, for "everything phoren (foreign) including

sons-in-law."

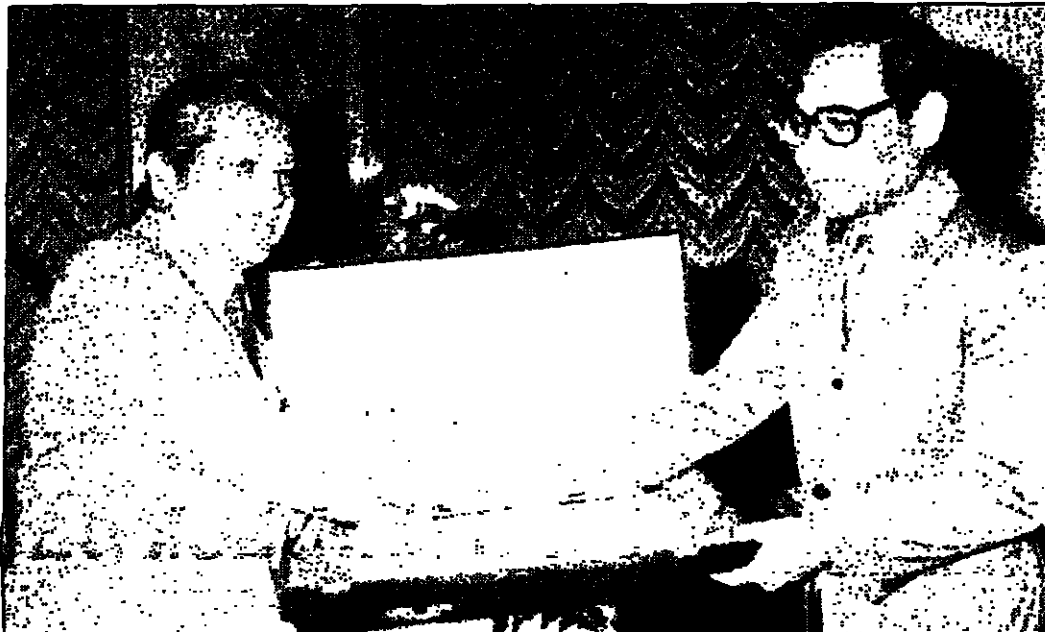
Pakistan's best-known stage actor Omar Sharief is the absent-minded Professor Nizami around whom the play revolves. He is so forgetful that he takes his cow instead of the wife for shopping. Taking advantage of his habit, he teases neighbour's wives and helps his father-in-law invent a drug that transforms the personality. "Why don't you become Govinda," the girl tells her fiancé. He prefers to be Michael Jackson to make his in-laws dance to his tune. Nearly 50 per cent of Karachi residents become soundalike copies of Indian actors ranging from Raji Kumar to Dilip Kumar, poking fun at the tumultuous reception given to the actor when he returns (he went back last year) to his birthplace.

The writer spares no one, perhaps not even his wife, and viciously attacks the system.

The play is engrossing with some hard hitting facts, like the penchant for all things Indian, thrown in carelessly, all in the name of comedy. The play's momentum is maintained by one-liners, dialogue, and the acting of Omar Sharief and another actor Moeen Akhtar.

Bakra Qstoon Peh is a must for all those who want to know what ticks in Pakistan.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Fawcett, Tel: 471-2900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.



● The Dean of the Diplomatic Corp, C.H. Mohammad, on Saturday hosted a reception at the Holiday Inn Hotel for the outgoing Thai Ambassador Wichien Chatsawan. Mohammad, who is also the Sri Lankan ambassador to Kuwait, presented a souvenir to the outgoing envoy. Chatsawan shakes hands with the host after receiving the gift. (Photo by Javed Basra)



Mithun Chakraborty: burdened

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Sada House

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL JAN 24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shattiy will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Iwan Gallery**  
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmiya.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Cuban art show**  
UNTIL JAN 24: a collection of paintings by Cuban artists is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

**Dahiyat Abdulh Al Salem Gallery**  
An exhibition of paintings by

Hassan Jouni is open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

## THEATRE

**Kuwait Players**  
KUWAITI Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows:

Jan 23: 5.30 pm: Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland.

Jan 26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (6.30 pm).

Jan 27: Final performance is at 4 pm.

Tickets - KD 3 (adults) and KD 2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048; 5657749. Please collect tickets the day before the performance.

**Funkar Arts Group**  
JAN 27, 5 pm: The Indian theatre group, Funkar Arts will present two one-act plays: Bus Stop, a comedy and Second Trap, a suspense drama will be performed at the IAC. A dance show will also be held.

**IAC Drama Competition**  
IAC will hold an one-act play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6.30 pm; Sharma - 2644863; Raman - 3903879.

## MUSIC

**Piano Recital**  
JAN 25/26: A piano recital will be given by a top Yugoslav pianist, Khalid Gekic, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Contact the hotel for details.

**Dhanak**  
FEB 3: The musical groups Funkkade and Saaz aur Awaz will present a musical evening entitled "Dhanak" at the SAS Tent. It will feature a number of local singers and bands. The musical evening will be followed by dinner.

**Kuwait Singers**  
Rehearsals for the next Kuwait Singers concert will be held each Saturday and Monday from 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School. Past, current and new singers welcome. For details phone 3900922 or 5384873.

**Kuwait Caledonians**  
FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenay. Tel: 5335082; 5332235; 3727691 ext. 253.



● Fresh shrimps prepared to taste, are being promoted at Meridian's La Brasserie restaurant. The promotion continues until Jan 31.

## CINEMA

**Children's film**  
JAN 25 (6 pm), Jan 26 (10.30 am): Robin Hood is the title of a film which will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. The animals tell their version of what really happened in Sherwood Forest, as the tale of the legendary English hero and his followers unfolds in this Walt Disney film. Duration: 80 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## SOCIAL

**Flag-hoisting ceremony**  
JAN 26, 8.30 am. A flag-hoisting ceremony will be held to mark the Republic Day of India at the premises of the Embassy of India, 34 Istiqlal St. All Indians are welcome. The Indian Embassy in Kuwait will be closed on Jan 26.

**Jumble Sale**  
JAN 27 (Friday): St. Paul's jumble sale will be held outside the Kuwait Little Theatre premises in Ahmad at 2.30 onwards. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, electrical and household goods will be available at bargain prices. All are welcome.

**Kuwait Rondels**  
FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are now available. Tel: 5337597.

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**At the Kuwait International**  
JAN 28: The Edinburgh Philharmonic Orchestra will give a recital featuring a selection of contemporary and classical music. Excerpts of Haydn, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and other composers will be performed by the quartet. For reservations contact the hotel.

The Spanish extravaganza featuring Flamenco dancers continues in the Fallaka Restaurant.

## HOTELS

**At the Meridian**  
UNTIL Jan 26: Apple promotion at Al Fingan Tea Lounge; items on the menu include cocktails, cakes and pies.

Shrimps promotion is being held at La Brasserie. Fresh shrimps prepared in a variety of ways are on offer, daily until Jan 31.

Every Sunday: Mexican Night at La Brasserie. A wide selection of Mexican dishes are offered; menu includes tacos, nachos, paella and refried beans; live entertainment.

**At the Sheraton**  
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesday's: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the Ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

**At the SAS**  
AL BUSTAN: Friday Brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wanton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, char-

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**At the Pullman**  
EL YSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallah Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

**At Mesallah Beach**  
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

**At the Ramada**  
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBO Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

**At the Continental**  
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dabbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

**SPORTS**  
Laser Sailing  
FEB 3: Start of Messilah Beach laser club's spring series. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. For details contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd: 4845153/5314957; P. Berry: 3924174.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Imraa Fi Duwamah: Arabic serial: Part 8. Starring: Aida Abdul Aziz, Salah Zulfikar, Tayseer Fahmi, Mohsin Sarhan  
10.50 News Summary/Good Morning  
11.00 Saghirat Alal Hayat: local Arabic serial: Zainab Al Dahi, Hind Kamel, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Sayyed Essa  
12.00 Kuwait Al Ams: a documentary on the country's past  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon serial  
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children

6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial; starring: Fawzia Mahdi, Nizar Al Samarai  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Songs and Music  
7.30 Atfaalna Wa Mustakbil: Our Children and Their Future  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Jawaahir: Arabic serial. Ep. 2. Starring: Safa Abu Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsin Tawfiq  
11.30 Variety Show: Fann wa Fikr. Tonight's episode deals with the development of cinema in the Arab world.  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 World News via Satellite  
1.00 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial  
6.30 Chocky's Children: based on characters created by John Wyndham

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of news and views  
7.30 Perspective: Nature. A look at forests  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Different World: "Those Who Can't...". The girls in the dorm want to make an example of a girl who climbs over a wall  
9.30 Rediscovery of the World: a trip to Haiti  
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "13th Floor." A real-estate agent is told not to demolish a building and develop the site. He reacts violently...  
10.30 French Feature Film: "Le Sauvage." Starring: Raymond Danon, Ires Montan. A woman runs away on her wedding night after stealing a painting  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine. D'O'actualité; Holy Quran. Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0000 Newdesk  
30 In Praise of God  
0100 News Summary followed by A Question of Science  
45 Havana Guitar Festival  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
30 Science in Action  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Good Books  
30 Anything Goes  
0400 Newdesk  
30 Five William Stories (ex 23rd and 30th Dangerous in Love)  
45 Nature Now  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Waveguide  
45 Words of Faith  
45 Recording of the Week  
0600 Newdesk  
30 2nd With Good Reason: 9th The Art of the Weatherman: 16th Boy Soldiers; 23rd and 30th The International Arms Trade

0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Monarchs (ex 23rd Gypsies; 30th W B Years: The Last Romantic)  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 Five William Stories (ex 23rd and 30th Dangerous in Love)  
30 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Good Books  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
1000 News Summary followed by 9th The Art of the Weatherman; 16th Boy Soldiers; 23rd and 30th The International Arms Trade  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Health Matters  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
1200 Newdesk  
15 Novel Ideas  
45 Sports Roundup  
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30 Monarchs (ex 23rd Gypsies; 30th W B Years: The Last Romantic)

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1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 My Grandfather (ex 30th Reading)  
1500 Newdesk  
15 A Question of Science (ex 2nd Feature)  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 9th and 16th Five William Stories; 23rd and 30th Dangerous in Love  
30 Health Matters  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Quote, Unquote  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newdesk  
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

## Urdu

1900 Opening/Holy Quran  
1910 Behereen Qaul  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Islam aur Deur-e-Hazir  
2000 News in Urdu  
2020 Songs  
2040 Hamare Mehman  
2100 Closedown

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## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars  
Starring: Jackie Chan  
**Al Sahm**  
Arabic play  
**Al Hamra**  
Shaqiqahu wa Mutwalli (Arabic)  
Starring: Suad Husni, Ahmad Zaki  
**Drive-In**  
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muncer  
**Al Firdous**  
Tohfa Mohabbat Ka (Hindi)  
Starring: Govinda, Kimi Katkar  
**Fahsheel Open-Air**  
Paap Ko Jala kar Raakh

**Kar Doonga (Hindi)**  
Al Fahsheel  
Cuba  
Al Jahra  
Street Dance  
Granada  
The Comeback  
Salsabikhat  
To Burn the Sun  
Al Jeeb  
Jogajoc (Bengali)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Three Musketeers

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.19 am
Zuhr	12.00
Asr	2.59 pm
Maghreb	5.19
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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

GOVERN a great nation as you would cook a small fish. — don't overdo it — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (555 BC-479 BC).

## OPINION

## Let Lebanese decide their own fate

THE Arab countries have moved to revive the suspended Arab goodwill committee for Lebanon after no side has emerged victorious in the Lebanese civil war.

Now, after the parties have failed and external involvement too has failed, we are talking about the Arab goodwill committee.

Probably, the goodwill committee will be able to solve this problem.

This is indeed what we want, so do Lebanon and the Arabs, who at present realise that even more difficult and complicated problems are being solved and peace is returning to many previously tensioned centres.

America and Russia are now good friends. Most tension centres in the world have cooled down, with the exception of Lebanon, in which non-Lebanese are fighting and the victims are the Lebanese.

External interference in Lebanon intensified religious and political sectarianism. The Lebanese have been fighting for the last 15 years and have paid a heavy price without getting anything in return.

All parties should withdraw from Lebanon for the country to become stable. The Lebanese themselves are pleading for this.

They simply want to solve their affairs themselves. They may say this in a whisper as announcing it in public is dangerous. They do not want foreigners in their homeland. So, the Arab goodwill mission should take this Lebanese wish into consideration, and base its mission on the fact that all foreign forces should be withdrawn from Lebanon. There is no one better than the Lebanese to solve their problems.

The foreign interference in Lebanon's affairs has destroyed the country financially and socially. The country has been torn to pieces by the invading forces during the last 15 years.

The questions which now arise are what will happen if Lebanon is left alone to decide its future? If this is guaranteed, will the Lebanese ever think of partition?

The external forces even want to install their own man as president, if the Lebanese have no right to elect their own president.

Back again to our question, what will happen if Lebanon's affairs are left to the Lebanese, and what harm could there be if the Arab goodwill mission demands this and also that all foreign troops should be withdrawn from the country.

It is regrettable that even Iran has become involved in the Lebanese affairs. The irony is that the Iranian foreign minister has some say in Lebanese affairs. This is absolutely ridiculous.

The Arab goodwill committee should act with frankness in a straightforward manner. Otherwise we will return to the same problem — favouring some parties against others, thus practically prolonging the Lebanese crisis for another 15 years.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Israelis may miss Reagan

By John Fullerton

NICOSIA. (Reuters): Ronald Reagan may be missed by Israelis as the best friend they ever had in the White House, but Arabs look back in anger at his eight years in power.

The contrast in Arab-Israeli views extends to Reagan's successor, George Bush, who took office on Friday.

Many Arabs hope for better things from President Bush. But some Israelis sense a cooler wind stirring in Washington as the Bush era dawned.

Alon Liel, chief spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said several Israeli leaders had remarked that the Reagan administration was the friendliest in 40 years.

## Grants

"That evaluation remains the view of Israel's administration although the two governments disagree over the US decision to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organisation," Liel said.

It was during the Reagan presidency that Israel was promoted to strategic partner, with close collaboration in tech-

nical and defence matters and US grants of \$3 billion a year.

Yet one Israeli official commented privately that it was unlikely the US leadership could remain quite as friendly, especially if there were no progress in regional peace efforts.

For Arab diplomatic observers, Reagan's failures far outweighed his successes and the election of Bush offered an opportunity to redress an imbalance long in Israel's favour.

Adnan Omran, assistant secretary-general of the Arab League, told Reuters in Tunis: "The Reagan administration relinquished its role as protector of peace and security and gave total, blind support to Israel."

There were shades of opinion among Reagan's Arab detractors.

The Arab-Israeli conflict aside, some commentators paid tribute to what they felt was a tough US response to the threat

posed by the Iran-Iraq war to shipping in the Gulf.

They also noted Reagan's role in nuclear arms cuts, and in forging a rapprochement with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

But satirists have typically cast Reagan as a gunslinger, seeking melodramatic poses at the Arabs' expense to satisfy the bloodlust of a powerful Jewish lobby at home.

It was the Arab-Israeli divide, underlined by a year-long uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, that provided the litmus test of America's policies.

"We Arabs are emotional and we judge people this way," said a diplomat. "We want to know if someone is for us or against us and to know that, we want to know where he stands on Palestine."

Waleed Sa'di, editor of the English-language Jordan Times and former Jordanian ambas-

sador to the United Nations, said Arab would remember Reagan for an unprecedented strengthening of US relations with Israel.

There was hope, he said, that Bush "will bring more understanding ... Bush is more seasoned and experienced and we hope he will be more balanced."

## Invasion

A Jordanian official, who asked not to be named, said the first downturn in US-Arab relations during the Reagan years was marked by Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Reagan's failure, as many Arabs saw it, to curb Israeli excesses in the Middle East had harmed moderate forces on both sides of the Arab-Israeli divide.

The all-time low, the official said, was reached in the Iranagate affair, when Washington supplied arms to revolutionary Iran in an effort to free US hostages held in Lebanon.

For some Arabs, Reagan's emphasis on countering what he

called international terrorism had backfired.

Mahmoud Al Kayed, former editor of Jordan's Arab-language Al-Rai, described Reagan as arrogant, and as "an actor who spent eight years in the White House flexing his muscles."

He added: "We expect George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker to show some understanding of the Middle East problem in clearer manner."

## Oratory

In Cairo, retired diplomat Tahseen Bashir characterised the Reagan era as much oratory and little meaningful action.

He criticised Reagan over the Iranagate affair, the bombing of Libya in April 1986 and what he said was American insensitivity to the Palestinian problem.

Reagan's Middle East peace initiative had got off to a good start, Bashir said, but there was no follow-up when Israel opposed it.

"All in all, the Middle East was not high in the Reagan administration's priorities."

PLO Central Council member and political science professor As'ad Abdul-Rahman described the US decision to hold talks with the PLO as a happy ending for the Reagan administration.

But US policy was still one-sided, biased towards Israel. "There was double-talk on terrorism and human rights," said Abdul-Rahman. "Reagan was blind to Israeli state terrorism or the individual terrorism of (Israeli) settlers."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat prefers to look ahead, believing the first year of the Bush presidency to be crucial for the Middle East and his pursuit of Palestinian nationhood.

"This year we can push forward with all our efforts to achieve peace," he said in Haifa on Tuesday. "Next year the president of the United States will be busy with internal affairs."

## Gorbachev may force Bush to move faster on US-Soviet relations

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): President George Bush has made clear his intention to take a cautious, go-slow approach to relations with the Soviet Union.

But Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who has proven adept at seizing advantages from the West, has already announced several arms initiatives that could unravel the American chief's best-laid plans.

Gorbachev's most recent bold stroke, which was made public on Thursday, involved a pledge to withdraw some tactical missiles from Europe.

Since December, he has also promised unilateral cuts of 500,000 troops and 10,000 tanks in Europe and to begin destroying Soviet chemical weapons.

US officials feel the Gorbachev initiatives have something of a public relations falseness to them.

But private American analysts, who give Gorbachev much credit for the landmark US-Soviet 1987 treaty scrapping medium-range missiles, say such moves may be a ploy to respond to Moscow more quickly than he might have liked.

"If Gorbachev continues doing what he's doing, the administration will be forced to respond," said Charles William Maynes, editor of Foreign Policy magazine.

"The pressure from the allies, from Congress and the American people will be too great," he told Reuters.

To the extent that the Soviet Union appears less and less of a military threat, European allies might be inclined to curtail their own defence spending and balk at US-supported moves to modernise NATO weaponry, US analysts say.

Western nations are already beginning to ease credits and loans to Moscow and this is another challenge Washington must face sooner rather than later, they say.

## Deficit

Moreover, the US Congress, which must grapple with its own sky-high deficit, could be influenced by Soviet armament pullbacks and European attitudes about NATO military burden-sharing to spend less for defence.

After several years of fast-paced developments in US-Soviet relations, Bush's nominee for secretary of state, James Baker, signalled this week that the key word is caution as the new administration reassesses the legacy bequeathed by Reagan, including arms control proposals.

Bush acknowledged on Thursday there may be an international public relations problem if Gorbachev is perceived as moving forward on disarmament and East-West rela-

tions while his administration languishes in lengthy study.

But in an interview with Reuters and other wire service reporters, he said: "My intention is not to drag my feet but to simply do a prudent assessment."

Like Baker, however, he declined to forecast when the review of the US position on superpower strategic arms negotiations — which many believe is closest to agreement — might be completed.

Phony To some extent, US officials regard the Gorbachev initiatives as somewhat phony and resent the public perception that the Soviet leader is the prime mover toward disarmament.

This was demonstrated on Thursday when the State Department, commenting on the plan to withdraw some tactical nuclear missiles from Europe, pointedly noted that Moscow was "following the lead" of NATO, which since 1979 has kept its nuclear stockpile in Europe unilaterally at 2,400 warheads.

On the other hand, analysts for some time have argued that the West, in general, and the United States, in particular, underestimated the advantage to Gorbachev in failing to develop their own innovative, offensive strategy for dealing with a new and creative Soviet leader.

This, too, is a challenge now left to Bush.



## Legacy of war in Angola

## Cripples and stagnation

By Susan Linnee

KUITO, Angola. (AP): Eight-year-old Domingos Casela was walking through a field to his family's small corn patch and stepped on a mine.

Domingos and thousands like him are maimed reminders of a civil war neither side is able to win. The conflict has gripped Angola since independence from Portugal in 1975, causing stagnation and desolation in one of Africa's most richly endowed nations.

Several months after Domingos stepped on the mine, he hobbled up a ramp at the Kuito-Bie rehabilitation centre with a rubber-tipped metal rod in place of his lower left leg, undergoing physical therapy to prepare for the artificial limb he will wear the rest of his life.

His doctors say the mine was planted by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, or UNITA. The US-supported rebels are fighting a war of attrition against the Marxist government of the Angolan Popular Liberation Movement, known by its Portuguese initials MPLA.

Aid South Africa says it halted 13 years of aid to UNITA after signing a US-mediated accord Dec 22 with Angola and Cuba on withdrawal of the 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola and independence for Namibia, which South Africa has controlled since World War I.

All South African troops in southern Angola moved back across the border to Namibia when a truce between the two nations began Aug 8.

Dr Sabino Salongue, director of the Rehabilitation Centre in Angola's fertile central highlands, said most of the amputees being treated were victims of mines planted by UNITA. Others lost limbs when gangrene set in because rifle wounds were poorly tended, he said.

Visitors to UNITA headquarters at Jamba, in southeastern Angola near Namibia, see amputees of the other side who stepped on mines planted by the Cuban-supported Army to impede rebel advances.

Many victims of the war are Ovimbundu, the people of Central Huambo and Bie provinces who in 1960 made up 38 per cent of the 5 million people living in a colony 14 times the size of Portugal.

## Attack

UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi, 54, is an Ovimbundu. His father worked for the Caminho de Ferro de Benguela, the railway on which agricultural products and ores from Zambia and Zaire once rolled to the Atlantic ports of Benguela and Lobito.

Today, the Cunje railway station four miles (seven kms) outside Kuito is a mass of broken bricks and shards of blue-and-white Portuguese tiles, target of a UNITA attack.

Grass and wildflowers grow between the rails. Five huge steam locomotives built by Bayer, Peacock and Co. Ltd of Manchester, England, rust on sidings with no place to go since

UNITA blew up the bridges between Huambo and Kuito.

Armando Ferreira, 54 years a railroad, still shows up at the yard each day. He said people on both sides are weary of war and eager for the railway to run again so their corn, bananas and millet can go to market and they can receive goods from the outside.

An international conference is scheduled Jan 25-26 in Luanda, capital of Angola, to raise funds for a 10-year development plan in the Lobito corridor, including reconstruction of the Benguela Railway. The conference is sponsored by the Southern Africa Development Co-ordination Conference and the European Economic Commission.

The cost of re-opening the railroad has been estimated at \$300 million to \$600 million.

Kieran J. O'Connell, the Economic Commission representative in Angola, fears potential donor nations may balk at committing substantial funds because the war has made it impossible to conduct a technical study in the region.

He and others involved in development projects feel withdrawal of Cuban troops, could lead to more economic aid and development if the civil war also ends.

President Jose Eduardo dos Santos says Angola will not negotiate with UNITA and seeks diplomatic relations with the United States. His government has declared a year-long amnesty to begin Feb 4, which spokesman Paulinho Pinto Joao says will be open to all who renounce violence and accept the constitution.

US President George Bush has written Savimbi, however, promising continued US support until the government does negotiate with UNITA.

## Aid

Covert US military aid to the rebels was blocked for a decade by a 1975 congressional amendment, but resumed in 1986 and is said to total about \$15 million annually.

A Western diplomat said Washington's policy toward UNITA was "outdated" and the Marxism espoused by the ruling party was "only skin deep."

"You'll see, this is not a Marxist nation," he said. "Nearly all their trade is with the West. When the Cubans have left, then they'll get rid of the Russians."

Angola's foreign debt stands at around \$4 billion, two-thirds of it with the Soviet Union and East bloc countries. Although no firm figures are available, it is widely believed the Soviet Union has been the principal backer of Angola's war effort.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1570 — Earl of Moray, Regent of Scotland, is assassinated.
- 1631 — France, by treaty of Barwalde, undertakes to subsidize Sweden.
- 1668 — England and Holland sign alliance of the Hague.
- 1799 — French troops capture Italian city of Naples.
- 1849 — Prussia suggests German union without Austria.
- 1878 — Britain's cabinet sends fleet to Constantinople at Sultan Abdul-Hamid II's request.
- 1913 — Nazim Pasha is murdered in Turkish coup, and Shevket Pasha forms ministry.
- 1920 — Holland refuses to surrender Germany's former Kaiser William II to allies for punishment as World War I criminal.
- 1937 — Seventeen communist leaders confess in Moscow that they conspired with Leon Trotsky to undermine Soviet regime of Joseph Stalin.
- 1945 — Soviet forces reach Oder River in World War II.
- 1964 — Indonesia and Malaysia agree to ceasefire in their undeclared border war.
- 1968 — North Korea seizes US Navy ship Pueblo and holds crew as spies.
- 1973 — US President Richard Nixon announces that accord has been reached in Vietnam war.
- 1986 — Rival black tribes fight each other in South Africa's rural Natal province, leaving at least 30 dead and 40 wounded.
- 1988 — Britain's Liberal Party votes overwhelmingly to merge with the Social Democrats.

## South Africans ponder future without Botha

By David Crary

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa. (AP): For the first time since 1978, South Africans have reason to wonder how their country's many challenges might be tackled without the dominating presence of P.W. Botha at the government's helm.

Although the stroke suffered by the president on Wednesday has been described as mild, there is widespread speculation that he will be sidelined for several weeks and may have to retire. On Thursday, Botha appointed Constitutional Development Minister Chris Heunis to serve indefinitely as acting president.

Botha has amassed vast powers in recent years, and his illness raises the possibility that important political developments in the coming months will have to be handled by subordinates accustomed to deferring to the president.

President Botha has come to assume in our public life such a gigantic stature that his illness casts great uncertainty over the nation," said Business Day, a Johannesburg newspaper, in an editorial on Thursday. "Issues of profound importance await his attention."

For example, Namibia — ruled by South Africa since 1915 — is due to begin a seven-month transition to independence on April 1. Botha has overseen the negotiations which produced this agreement and is believed to have helped resolve differences within his cabinet.

The status of Nelson Mandela remains in limbo. The African National Congress leader has been transferred from a jail cell to a spacious staff house on a prison farm, but Botha appears to be seeking some conciliatory statement from Mandela before freeing him. It is possible, though by no means certain, that a new president might find it easier to approve Mandela's unconditional release.

On Feb 3, at the opening of parliament, Botha was expected to announce an early general election, to be held in late April. Political analysts said the stroke would prompt Botha's National Party to postpone an election until Botha recovers fully or until a replacement can establish himself.

"It would be extremely difficult for the country to go to the elections with a sick state president in charge, and it would be difficult for a new incumbent to go to the polls until he is bedded down in his new office," said Colin Eglin, chairman of the Liberal Progressive Federal Party.

Under South Africa's constitution, the majority party in the white chamber of parliament has total control over the election of a president. The National Party is widely favoured to retain its solid majority whenever the next elections are held, and thus Botha's eventual successor is almost certain to come from a group of senior cabinet members dedicated to the party's current policies.

In simplest terms, those policies call for gradual reforms that will ease but not eliminate segregation, and that will extend some political power to blacks while leaving the white minority in control.

The Star newspaper of Johannesburg, the country's largest daily, on Thursday quoted National Party officials as saying F.W. de Klerk is the leading contender to succeed Botha. His political views are considered close to Botha's and he is party leader in Transvaal — the most populous province.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha, more flamboyant and slightly more liberal than most of his cabinet colleagues, also is a contender. But his support among the public is believed to be stronger than within the National Party caucus, which will choose the new president.

## Winds of change blow around the world

## Old divisions give way to new converging interests

By Mort Rosenblum

PARIS. (AP): The gathering of 149 nations to condemn chemical weapons showed, if nothing else, how the world order of a short time back has been stood on its head.

The old divisions so familiar in world affairs — East-West, North-South, First-World-Third-World — have given way to a baffling new array of converging interests.

Diplomats seasoned by the cold war and the anti-colonial winds of change watched the five-day meeting in amazement.

The Soviets, clear winners in the charm category, tweaked the Americans for a lack of openness. The Americans aimed their ire at a closely, West Germany.

Western allies fought openly over which of their companies sold chemicals to Iraq, Libya and Syria, all regarded as past or potential users of poison gas.

Opposed Romania bolted its bloc, taking a position directly opposed to the Kremlin's. A Soviet official merely smiled philosophically as he explained that the Romanians refused to follow orders.

While Chief Soviet delegate Viktor Karpov beamed benignly at the cameras, US correspondents aimed barbs at his US counterpart. Retired Gen William Burns, head of the US Arms Control Agency, admitted not knowing about new chemical warheads included in the US budget made public, by coincidence, during the conference.

Iran, whose representatives spoke eloquent English, stood firm with the industrial West against Middle Eastern states which one US delegate described privately as "the whackos."

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati echoed points made by the United States, which Iran calls the "great satan," demanding in measured terms even more sanctions and condemnation of past acts than the Americans wanted.

Although nations of the Non-Aligned Movement expressed

token solidarity with the Arab League, hard-line Arabs had to back away from a linkage between chemical and nuclear weapons for lack of real support.

"We're not buying that Arab League garbage," a Central American delegate said in private. "You can't talk about a Third World and mean anything," the delegate said.

Challenged Black Africans walked out again on R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African foreign minister, but this time Botha tossed away his speech and dramatically challenged them to admit in public their secret friendship with his country.

Botha detailed the vaccines, health care, research and other aid his country provided, and asserted: "My African brothers know this."

He noted that agreements finally had been reached on independence for Namibia and South African withdrawal from Angola. Black Africans did not walk when those matters were settled, he said.

Negotiations "We say 'no' to hypocrisy," commented Foreign Minister Simeon Ake of the Ivory Coast, the only black African to keep his seat. "At least it gave Botha a chance to reveal his contacts," he said.

Underlying the ironies were signs of a world turning faster than many of its leaders can measure. William Waldegrave, junior minister in Britain's foreign office, shrugged off the old distinctions in a chat with reporters: "I am always confused over who is supposed to be First World or Third World when you start talking about rich Middle Eastern states."

Most political analysts interviewed later said the 109 speeches and secret negotiations showed old-style international dealings are poorly suited to a modern world.

Countries condemned for spraying nerve gas on civilian populations directed the same

rhetoric at chemical weapons as the states which suffered from them.

Everyone knew that up to 30 nations at the meeting had chemical weapons but only the United States and the Soviet Union admitted having them. France, host and arbiter of the moral tone, denied it firmly, despite its allies' intelligence to the contrary.

"The problem," as one Western analyst put it, "is that you can't really say what you think: that there are responsible leaders and maniacs, and no international convention can differentiate among them."

Several US delegates acknowledged that in spite of the general tone and circuitous phrasing, their underlying concerns were specific:

● Syria had chemical warheads on Scud missiles directed at Israel, each capable of delivering deadly gas over a radius of a thousand yards (metres).

● Libya, helped by private West German companies among others, was completing a chemical weapons plant that could deliver toxic chemical agents to a broad range of terrorists.

Threat The United States' concurrent goal, to focus attention on a new threat from Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi, backfired by uniting the Arab League. A night of compromises produced a declaration with no mention of sanctions, export controls or verification.

But the lessons of the conference extended well beyond the subject at hand. Mainly, the old clichés and timeworn roles were falling away.

At one point, a US press officer introduced a US reporter to an arms negotiator who answered a broad range of questions, with hardly a pause to consider the implications of his remarks.

Unlike most Americans at the meeting, the man was perfectly willing to be quoted. He was a Soviet.



Hundreds changing hands every year

# Babies for sale in southern Italy

By Barry Moody

NAPLES, Italy, (Reuters): The going price for a new-born baby, picked up hours after birth from the hospital is 40 million lire (\$29,000) or more.

And there are plenty of customers in southern Italy's booming baby market.

Magistrates in Naples, centre of the trade, say hundreds of babies are changing hands each year in an illicit traffic which is completely beyond their control. Some babies have been exchanged for jobs or apartments and one tiny boy was 'auctioned' to the highest bidder.

Oreste Ciampa, president of Naples Juvenile Court, said he guessed at least 600 babies were sold a year in the southern Campania region alone.

Melita Cavallo, a judge at the court, said in an interview: "We have not been able to stop this trade ... if you do not put up a barrier, if people think it is easy, it increases."

"When it is a question of 40 to 50 million lire (\$29,000 to \$37,000) some people are prepared to do anything."

The mothers of the babies for sale are usually unmarried young women from the south ashamed of their pregnancy who come to Naples or other cities to give birth in secret.

Many are the victims of incest, rape or sexual relations with their mothers' lovers, Cavallo said.

The young mothers, often thrown out of hospital within hours of the birth, usually get nothing except a no-strings adoption of their unwanted children.

The money goes instead to intermediaries who set up the sale, sometimes relatives of the mother.

The sale of babies to childless couples is booming because of a loophole in the law which enables a false father to 'recognise' an unwanted child soon after birth.

This device usually succeeds only if the mother herself legally claims her baby. So the intermediaries ensure that she recognises the child before slipping back to her village.

Eventually the wife of the false father is then able legally to adopt the child.



Three-month-old Masro was sold to the highest bidder in an auction near Naples, Italy last year. He has now been legally adopted by an Italian family.

Some women are known to have had babies 'on commission', including one woman who was obliged to become pregnant again after bearing a handicapped child unacceptable to the customers.

Pimps are also known to have sold the children of young prostitutes, Cavallo said. But these were isolated cases.

She believes that in many hospitals and clinics in the region there are intermediaries, nurses, doctors or other staff, who persuade young mothers to sell their babies.

The intermediaries have a list of potential parents and the sale can be arranged within hours. Cavallo said in one recent case a teenager gave birth at eight in the evening and within 12 hours a false father had arrived to claim the child.

Late in December Cavallo persuaded a young mother to confess that a man claiming her newborn child was not the real father. But then she asked how much the court would pay for her baby. "I've had it in my belly for nine months, how much is it a month?" she said.

Cavallo added: "But this is an

exceptional case. Normally the girl just wants to get rid of the baby and forget the experience."

In another episode discovered by Cavallo three men and a woman came to a distraught man's house hours after he had learned at the hospital that his 15-year-old daughter was pregnant by her brother.

They laid piles of banknotes totalling 30 million lire (\$20,000 dollars) on the table and proposed taking the girl away until she gave birth. "When we have the baby you can have her back plus another 20 million (\$14,500)," they said.

The father refused but discovered later, after his daughter abandoned her baby at the hospital, that it had been claimed by a false father and taken away.

In other cases girls have given birth with the name of the false new mother. "So the baby is born legitimately and nothing emerges. Unfortunately this happens," Cavallo said.

She said one convicted criminal had been caught trying to claim a newborn baby. He had hoped to sell it to a couple and then blackmail them by threatening to reveal the deal. Cavallo says a trade once con-

finned mainly to peasants and old couples now involves respectable professional people from all classes who want to avoid the long delays and stringent rules required for legal adoption.

"Now it has become so simple everybody is doing it," she said.

Cavallo and Ciampa are frustrated by weaknesses in the law and by widely varying attitudes in different courts. Some judges treat defendants indulgently, taking the view that the trade neatly solves both the problem of the unmarried mother and the childless couple.

Under present rules the juvenile court often has to pass a case to normal judges after a preliminary investigation, causing years of delays. "Out of hundreds of cases a few dozen have come to trial and nobody has been sent to jail for more than a few months," Cavallo said.

She and Ciampa want the Juvenile Court given total responsibility for child selling cases.

"The judgment must not be fragmented, some for us and some for other judges. We should have total jurisdiction so that contradictory judgments can be avoided," Ciampa said.

## Teenage girl on death row

A 19-year-old in Indiana, USA, awaits execution for murdering a 78-year-old woman. The crime netted \$10 in cash and the woman's car. Amnesty International and other organisations are working to get the sentence lifted.

By Michael Conlon

CHICAGO, (Reuters): When she was 15, Paula Cooper, wanting money for candy, talked her way into the home of a 78-year-old woman, hit her on the head with a vase and plunged a kitchen knife into the woman's body 33 times.

Cooper, now 19 and studying for a university degree while awaiting execution in an Indiana prison, is the centre of a capital punishment debate that has involved Pope John Paul and stirred an international protest.

Cooper, black and a frequent run-away from her home in Gary, Indiana, admitted her guilt. She said the murder just "happened" with cheap wine and marijuana as companions. Three other teenage girls who were with her at the time received lengthy prison sentences, but Cooper was singled out as the ringleader. The crime netted them \$10 in cash and the elderly woman's car.

Legal appeals have delayed Cooper's execution indefinitely. If the state of Indiana ever does put her to death with an injection of lethal drugs, she will most likely be well into adulthood.

But the issue that has marked her case differently from those of others awaiting execution in the United States is that when the crime took place she was by every definition still a child.

The last time a woman was executed in the United States for a crime committed before the age of 18 was 1912. As recently as 1986, however, a man was sent to his death for a juvenile crime.

Amnesty International and the Indiana Civil Liberties Union are both working to get Cooper's death sentence lifted, arguing that international standards of justice prohibit execution for juvenile crimes. Her

lawyers believe they have a good chance of winning.

But the brutality of her crime remains alive in Gary, a steel-making city southeast of Chicago where the woman she killed, Ruth Pelke, frequently invited neighbourhood children into her home for Bible lessons.

Wounds  
"Some of the wounds inflicted by Cooper were so fierce that the blade punched entirely through the old woman's body, pierced the carpet beneath her and gouged wood from the hardwood floor," lawyers for the mid-America Legal Foundation, a conservative group, told the Indiana Supreme Court, which is considering Cooper's appeal.

She "acted with calculated viciousness and undeniable premeditation to commit a brutal and sadistic murder. She exhibited no remorse and certainly no mercy," the group said. "Should the fact of her age—and that fact alone—render her absolutely immune from possible imposition of the death penalty?"

At the time of the killing Indiana law permitted executions for persons as young as 10 years of age. In 1987 the state revised the law to say that no one could be executed for a crime committed under the age of 16. But the change was not retroactive and did not affect Cooper's death sentence.

The fact that society has now decided crimes by a 15-year-old in Indiana do not warrant capital punishment is a good argument for having her sentence reversed, said Rich Waples, a lawyer for the Indiana Civil Liberties Union.

A total of 282 people have been put to death in the United States for crimes committed before they turned 18, beginning in colonial times with an execu-



Paula Cooper, age 19, awaits execution for brutally stabbing a 78-year-old woman in Indiana, USA.

tion in 1642 for bestiality. The cases represent only a fraction of the 16,000 executions carried out in the history of the republic.

There are currently 29 men and women in the United States awaiting execution for crimes committed when they were younger than 18. Some of them are now in their 30s.

Cooper is one of only two who were 15 at the time of the crime, according to Victor Streib, a law professor at Cleveland State University and author of the book *Death Penalty for Juveniles*.

Executions  
Of the 282 executions for crimes committed before the age of 18, Streib said, only 10 involved women but Cooper does share a common thread with most of the others—her rape. Of the 282, 69 per cent were black. Most of their victims were white.

Cooper remains at the Indiana women's prison in Indianapolis, spending most of her day in a small cell studying English grammar, introductory psychology and mathematics in correspondence courses from Indiana University.

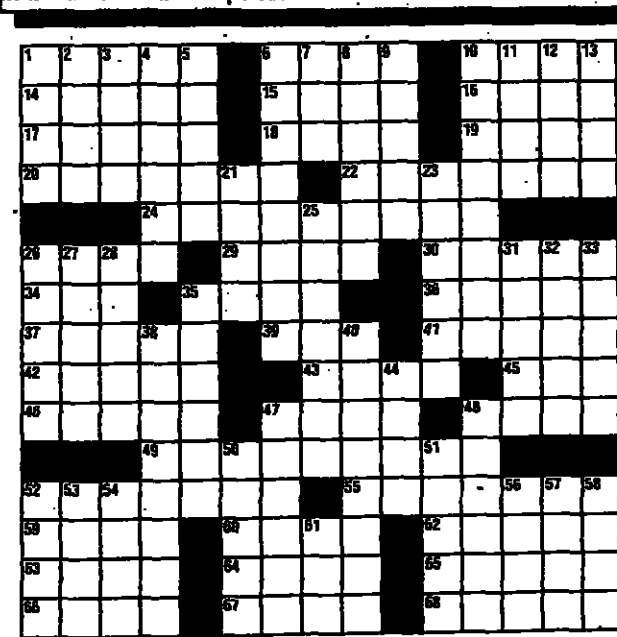
"She really likes going to school," said Monica Foster, a lawyer who once represented her and still visits her. "She's having some trouble with grammar but the things that concern her seem to be the same ones that concern anyone her age."

She has a positive attitude, Foster said, and is aware that her case has stirred up interest in other parts of the world.

Petitions with more than two million signatures urging that she not be executed have come to Indiana officials from Europe, particularly Italy, where her case has been widely publicised.

In 1987 the Pope urged clemency, citing human and humanitarian issues raised by her death sentence.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Part of the skyline
  - Frigate feature
  - Enraged
  - Seraglio
  - Out of the wind
  - Orderly
  - Texas shrine
  - New Jersey pros
  - Descartes
  - Meant
  - Man
  - Unredeemed
  - Troops that protect from behind
  - Malorca or Ibiza
  - Seadog
  - Sea fowl
  - Wilder
  - Countrified name?
  - In reserve
  - Polo
  - Corrode
  - Blends
  - Spacious
  - Army meal
  - Fired
  - Author of "Heidi"
  - Pinniped
  - Certain votes
  - Settings
  - Style
  - Type styles
  - Claim
  - "...the playing fields of ..."
  - Suburb of Philadelphia
  - Horde of a certain color
  - Macduff, for one
  - Dramatist
  - Formicary
- DOWN**
- dweller
  - Beetle
  - Amos Alonzo
  - Alowife
  - Haggard
  - Turkey's neighbor
  - Shark's hitchhiker
  - Show passion
  - Herb of the nightshade
  - Family
  - Porter
  - Undertake
  - Inventor Nikola
  - Elysium
  - Song to Mozart
  - Post Millay
  - Adjudge
  - "...on down the road"
  - Fancies
  - Shone
  - Metrical feet
  - Cliff line
  - American artist
  - Neiman
  - Beau
  - Fisher
  - Intervals
  - Astrologist's tool
  - Trolley
  - terminals
  - Attack verbally
  - Keyhole
  - Vignette
  - Oblique
  - Board game
  - Dads
  - Amazon
  - feeder
  - tributary
  - All in order
  - Jot
  - Wooden-soled shoe
  - Warble
  - Scoreboard series

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CASH AMERIE ARIL  
ALTO RIGOR TONE  
LAUGH CLOWN LAUGH  
MID EATS ALTER  
LADY GAME  
LOCATE TATIL BAR  
AVON SERIN ERE  
TICKLE THE PALATE  
INK ABEET UTES  
NEY BONE FINALE  
DINO ALPA  
EASEL PLIE MOM  
SMILES MILES MILE  
SORT HOMER URGE  
ARIEA YEANIS GOAT

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
DON'T FLOG A DEAD HORSE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 2  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ J 7 5  
♣ K 6 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ K J 9 4  
♦ 8 6 4 3  
♣ Q J 9 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 9 6 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ A Q  
♣ A 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Dbl  
4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass  
5 NT Pass 6 ♦ Pass  
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♥

There is sometimes an excuse for taking the second-best line. (You could be following a hunch.) To do so when you have been told that it is going to fail is the height of masochism.

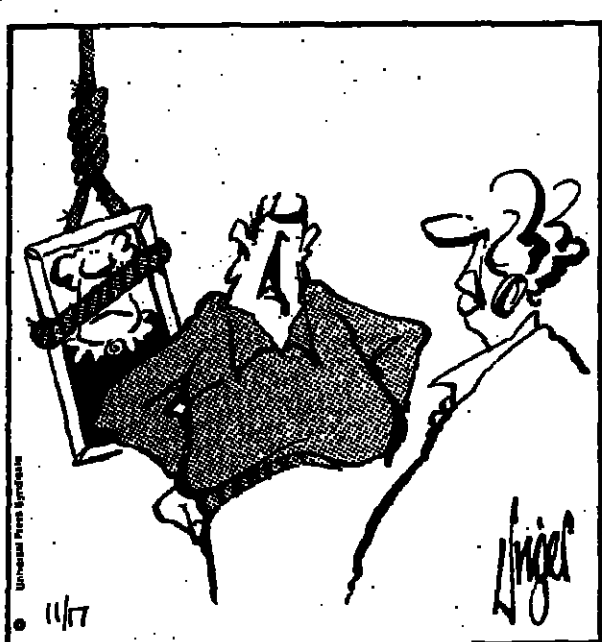
North-South conducted an intelligent auction to reach a good slam. Once North could cue-bid hearts, South used Blackwood and settled in a small slam when he learned that

two kings were missing. In response to his partner's double of North's heart cue-bid, West led his fourth-best card in the suit. Declarer inserted the queen, East won and continued the suit to force out the ace. Now declarer had to hope that clubs were 3-3 and trumps 2-2, or that East held the king of diamonds. Neither expectation materialized, so declarer went down one trick.

Even had he not been warned that the king of hearts was offside, declarer had a better line available than a finesse. All he needed was a club break no worse than 4-2. To utilize the club suit, declarer needed two entries to dummy. To preserve the ace of hearts as an entry, declarer should play low from dummy to the first trick!

The best East can do is win the jack of hearts and shift to a diamond. Declarer counters by rising with the ace, cashing ace-king of clubs and ruffing a club high. After cashing the king of trumps and crossing to the ace, declarer ruffs another club high to set up a long club in dummy.

After drawing the last trump, declarer crosses to the ace of hearts and discards his losing diamond on the established club. Now that wasn't too difficult, was it?



"You told me to hang your mother's picture in the hallway."

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>You will succeed with what you have been trying to do for some time, but not quite to the extent you would have wished. You should try to cut down on expenditure without being mean.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>Try to avoid allowing yourself to be taken advantage of. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Do not think you have nothing more to learn. Be resilient.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</b></p> <p>You must make sure that you lock all doors and windows when you leave home. Try to show a little more goodwill towards others. Avoid eating more than you know is good for you. Be responsive.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>You are liable to leave things half done and should take steps to remedy the situation. Something that you are learning will gradually become easier to handle. You should not turn your back on change. Be fair.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You will tend to feel a little more irritable and should try hard to control your reactions. Do not become involved in what does not directly concern you. Do not make a mountain out of a molehill. Be benevolent.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>The Moon's better influence will help you to avoid getting into an argument. Avoid doing anything that might conflict with what you have done before. Avoid allowing lumber to accumulate. Be sincere.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</b></p> <p>You will be able to introduce a number of interesting innovations. You should make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. You are liable to take everything far too seriously. Be alert.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</b></p> <p>You will tend to tire rather more easily so try to do what is most important first. You should avoid acting on impulse or deciding on the spur of the moment.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>You will have to organise things a little better this week. You have lots to do. You should try to cut down on expenditure. Do not allow yourself to indulge in too many daydreams. Be moderate.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>If you get into an argument settle it before it becomes a too virulent. You should not allow yourself to run out of steam. There is room for a little more optimism. You will be able to get your priorities right. Be cordial.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>You will be able to find a new solution to an old problem, but it will not be permanent. Not everything will be quite as you would wish it to be. You should avoid tampering with anything electrical. Be considerate.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You are more inclined to have strange ideas and should take care to evaluate them. There is no cause to lose faith in yourself. Stick to your principles without being rigid. Be contented.</p>



Anthropologist says it's time for another shake-up

## Is fashion going out of style?

By Ktima Heathcote

PUNK rockers with green hair and studs in their noses, Hell's Angels in leather gear and chains, and disco dancers in glitzy gear are not just dedicated followers of fashion.

People dye their hair, tattoo their bodies, pierce their ears and squeeze into skin-tight leather not just to stand out from a crowd but to show they belong to a group.

For according to style expert Ted Polhemus, fashion is going out of fashion.

He explains: "It would be a mistake to say that no-one these days is interested in fashion and there are no fashion designers, but in the Eighties it is the difference between one designer and the next which are important rather than yearly changes in fashion as in the Sixties.

"Constant change was the driving force in the clothing industry during the Sixties and to be out of step of the new look was a one-way ticket to obscurity. Today only a minority feel compelled to follow the latest looks and trends."

Ted, an anthropologist, has spent years observing how people dress, and in primitive societies paint themselves with make-up, even mutilate their bodies for the sake of appearances. His remarkable findings are in *Body Styles* his book which looks at the weird ways people decorate themselves.

Ted claims that more and more people are becoming "tribe-like" in the way they dress. He says: "Years ago everyone followed fashion. When the mini-skirt arrived most Western women quickly changed to hemlines above the knee at the very least. Today people either go for the Sloane look, the Punk look, the Gothic look, the executive look, and so on.

"Some of us are stuck between groups and tend to dress for our own personal identity, but more and more people are starting to join 'tribes'. Human beings have a long history of living in small scale tribes and it's happening more today."

Ted has also investigated the way tribal people and peasants adorn themselves. One striking example is the Padaung women of Burma who stretch their necks

Hippy, punk or haute couture — fashions come and go. Now author Ted Polhemus, not himself a dedicated follower of fashion, is awaiting the next breakthrough in style.

to as much as four times the natural length by gradually fitting a series of metal rings between the head and shoulders. As they grow older and their neck muscles develop, the rings squeeze and elongate the muscles into this bizarre shape.

Yet even the oddly shaped Padaung women have it easy compared to the poor men from the Tchikria tribe in South America. When they become adults, a small cut is made in their lower lip which is then stretched until a wooden plug, about four inches wide, can fit inside. The plug is then worn every day, and can cause the odd problem when they eat or drink.

### Examples

Ted believes that these and other examples such as Oriental women who had their feet bound when they were tiny babies to keep them unnaturally small — demonstrate how far people will go to prove they "belong" to their particular society.

He says: "A stretched lip or a stretched neck, although it causes inconvenience and pain offers indisputable proof of social commitment."

Westerners also go to agonising lengths to change their natural bodies. In the Victorian era women would happily have a lower rib removed to gain an hour-glass figure. And in the 1920s society beauties would tape down their breasts to give an impression of boyishness.

Today women diet, exercise and undergo plastic surgery to create their vision of an ideal body. Women in the West wear stiletto heels which are very bad for the feet. People cram themselves into corsets and girdles and young girls wear skimpy dresses in the depths of winter.

Ted says: "For many tribal people it is the action of decorating, adorning or modifying the body which separates human-kind from the animal kingdom." The Maori women of New Zealand seem to go along with this reasoning — they tattoo their lips and gums because they

believe that otherwise they would look like dogs, all red lips and white teeth.

It is this ability to change the body we were born with, Ted argues, which has led to man's development. "Homo sapiens left the rest of the inhabitants of this planet far behind because we discovered the benefit of changing our spots, so to speak."

Everywhere we look, we see men and women transforming themselves into something which nature never intended.

So what does the man who says we are the only designer species wear himself? Mostly black, but Ted — a tall, slim man with a shock of blonde hair — is trying to brighten up his wardrobe with a dash of colour here and there.

Ted studied anthropology at Temple University, Philadelphia, and University College, London. "Being an anthropologist is like being a Martian," he says. "If I'm at a party I am the fly on the wall, the observer, the video camera. Always recording, never properly participating."

Ted is now permanently based in London where he shares an apartment with his two cats. And

it is on the streets of London that he gained most of the inspiration to write his book *Body Styles*.

He explains: "After graduating, the tutors said 'Right, it's now time to go out into the jungle'. But I thought what was happening here on the streets of London was much more fascinating than any remote jungle."

"Londoners have an extraordinary sense of street style and a daringness to try out new things."

Daring is not a word normally connected with the conservative British public, but Ted believes it is that conservative nature which has prompted some to be more inventive.

He explains: "In a country like America, if you had green hair everyone would ask you about it, out of curiosity. After a while you would think, 'To hell with all this' and go back to your normal colour."

"In Britain people are not so forward. They leave you alone, so people can be adventurous in their dress — the advent of the Punks is an example."

New looks are often created by out-of-work fashion graduates whose styles bubble up to the haute couture and then trickle back down to the mass-produced garments in the High Street.

Ted, whose pet hates include people who say they don't care about their appearance, feels that the fashion world is ripe for something new. He says: "During the Seventies there was a des-



A model wears a dress made entirely of rubber.

perate need for something to happen, which is very similar to now. The bright young sparks of the punk era have gone. Now it's time for another shake-up."

Ted, aged 41, hopes he is around when it happens, but he is not holding his breath. He is happy in the meantime to continue with his writing, photography and guest appearances on radio and TV.

**BODY STYLES**, by Ted Polhemus. Published by Leonard Publishing. Price £14.95.



Model Paula Kendrew shows her elaborate facial make-up.



Tribal initiation: the forehead of a Dinka youth in Sudan is scarred as part of an initiation which will make him an adult and a full-fledged member of his tribe

## Callanetics: the royal way of getting fit — fast

By Kathleen Beckett-Young

SARAH FERGUSON was always a big girl, but after the birth of baby Beatrice she became just plain fat. Something had to be done, she decided, so she launched herself on a three-month diet and lost four stone. But the Duchess of York wanted more — to shape up the nine-stone body that remained. She started doing Callanetics.

Developed by American exercise guru Callan Pinckney, 50-ish, Callanetics is a fitness programme, outlined in a best-selling book of the same name, designed to tone muscles in a minimum of time.

"Exercising," the author writes, "is the most boring thing in the world," so Pinckney promises to raise the bust-line, trim the hips, slim the thighs and boost the behind, fast — "in hours, not days, weeks, or months."

### Claims

First published in America in 1984, the book claims it can make any woman look 10 years younger in only 10 hours — and backs the boast with money-back guarantee.

Pinckney maintains that by working the deepest muscle groups of the body, not just those on the surface, one hour of Callanetics equals seven hours of conventional exercise and 20 hours of aerobics.

Fergie saw a copy of the book on a recent trip to Australia where a Callanetics craze was

under way. Upon her return to Britain she summoned Pinckney from her New York home for an emergency rescue operation and in early December the two went to work reshaping the royal rump.

Pinckney's prescription was tough. Arriving at Buckingham Palace every morning at seven, she marshalled Fergie through three hours of tramping and toning and grunting and groaning as Princess Bea looked on.

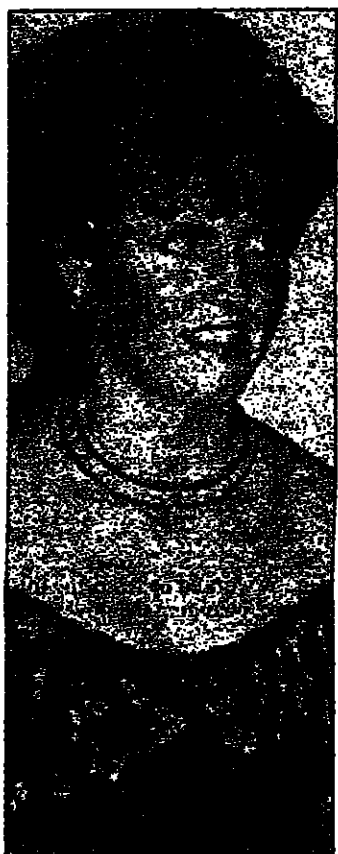
After six days, Ferguson had lost strategic inches. "She's half the size she once was," Pinckney told the press. "She now has a figure 99 per cent of women would envy." And following a diet and exercise maintenance programme should keep it that way.

Pinckney is no newcomer to London, having worked here before — shovelling snow. In the early 1960s she fled her genteel debutante life in Savannah, Georgia, and back-packed around the world, selling peanuts in Tokyo and waitressing in Cape Town.

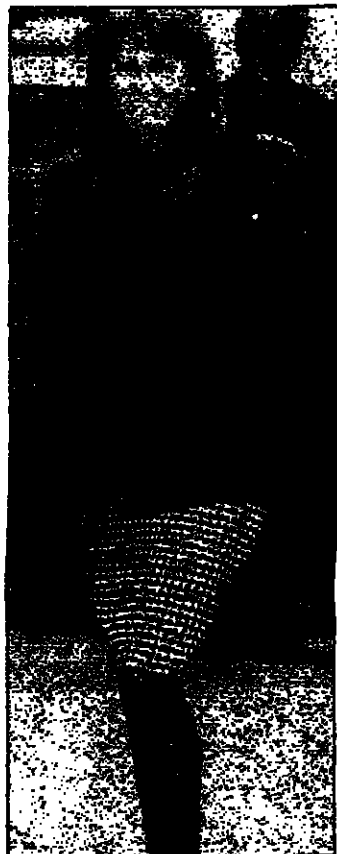
### Health

The physically arduous experience exacerbated genetic health afflictions — clubbed feet and scoliosis (curvature of the spine).

To help manage the pain, Pinckney devised a series of exercises based on the slow, smooth movements of ballet, which she had studied for 12 years. Callanetics was born and her book became a bestseller in America in



Before and after: the Duchess of York shows off her new figure



1986. The following year a companion video reached the top-selling spot.

The key to Callanetics' success is "deep contractions that give the exercises their power." To tighten up flabby stomach muscles, Pinckney replaces the classic up-and-down sit-up with "precise, concentrated" muscle contractions in which the body moves no more than half an inch.

The one-hour, twice-a-week workout consists of some 30 individual exercises that zero in on the stomach, legs, bottom, hips, and inner thighs.

Pinckney's second book *Callanetics For Your Back*, which came out last year in America, and for which Pinckney received a \$1 million advance, targets back muscles.

**Spot-toning** Callanetics offers spot-toning rather than an overall workout, and some exercise experts question its narrow focus and quick results.

"A complete shape-up programme consists of cardiovascular exercises and sound nutritional advice as well as an emphasis on muscular strength and body leanness," says Dan Isaacson, the owner of Winning Results, a Californian company that keeps Linda Evans, Jamie Lee Curtis and Mickey Rourke looking good.

On the plus side, "Callanetics focuses on proper posture and body alignment," says Frederick Daniels, director of training at New York's Sports Training Institute. "But," he cautions, "the

movements can be rigorous." Others are more blunt in their criticism. "It's a St Vitus' dance," says Shirley Lord, American Vogue's beauty director, "and extremely difficult for people who don't have the benefit of a one-on-one trainer."

Callanetics' instructors throughout America do provide training though many followers of the programme learn solely from the book and video.

**Disciples** But Callanetics disciples, from Barbra Streisand to Shelley Long, aren't complaining. "Callanetics lets me concentrate my efforts without waste of injury," Long has said. She, and others, have seen results and they like what they see. And so must Fergie: she is said to have promised to write an introduction to Callanetics when the book appears in the UK.

When Pinckney tried to have Callanetics published in the UK two years ago, nobody wanted to know. As Pamela Todd, her British agent says: "There was a surfeit of exercise books by anybody who looked half-decent." But since the publicity surrounding Fergie's conversion, publishers have been swarming like bees round a honeypot and Callanetics should hit the bookstands later this year.

In the meantime, a Callanetics video has been rushed-released to come out. And with Fergie as its biggest — make that fittest — fan, its success seems guaranteed, whatever the critics say.

Liquid type gel keeps out ultra-violet rays

## New invention may black out dark glasses

By Catherine O'Brien

SINGER Michael Jackson wouldn't be seen dead without them, Joan Collins uses them to hide the jet-lag and TV's Don Johnson would regard it as a vice to bust them.

Sunglasses aren't just a prop of the rich and famous, though. It's a million-dollar business. But the truly trendy will soon be ditching their shades for liquid sunglasses — eyedrops which block out the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

It is the latest invention to come from America and the man behind it is eye specialist Dr Neville Baron.

He tripped upon the potential multi-million pound idea during a five-year investigation into the danger sunlight poses to our eyes.

"We discovered that the UVA rays can cause your sight to diminish," said New York based Dr Baron. "Ultraviolet radiation can cause cataracts and retina diseases." He then developed the gel-type drops which contain a chemical capa-



In the shade: Don Johnson (left) and Michael Jackson



ble of screening out 98 per cent of the harmful rays. It lasts for four hours without causing irritation or affecting eyesight.

"The drops won't darken your

sight like sunglasses do because they filter ultraviolet light not visible light," he says.

"But they can get rid of the bright glare of the sun that can be

so annoying on the beach and on the ski slopes. The glare comes from the sun's reflection on the water and on the snow, but the drops can virtually eliminate it. And you don't have to worry about white patches around your eyes as you tan."

According to Dr Baron, the drops are also safer than sunglasses.

"A lot of people don't realise sunglasses are not necessarily made from ultraviolet blocking glass," he says.

"Even the best type of sunglasses are only 30-35 per cent effective because the rays can get to your eyes from above and around the sunglass frames."

The liquid sunglasses are now being assessed by America's Food and Drug Administration, the government body that has to approve products before they can be put on the market.

And tipsters are already predicting that they will be the hottest thing on Miami beaches.

Meanwhile Dr Baron is looking for a European backer to help him market the drops on this side of the Atlantic.



### FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

### SCARLET FEVER TREATED WITH ANTIBIOTICS

**QUESTION:** I'm sure the diagnosis of my youngster's recent infection was called strep latina, but my trips to the library have been in vain. I can't find any such strep! Since everything is now fine, I don't want to bother my own doctor, so can I please bother you? Have you any idea what this infection is?

**ANSWER:** It's no bother, that's why we're here. It was a bit more like a hunt for a culprit without sufficient clues. Actually I was at a theatre, waiting for the show to begin, and the words of your question kept going around and around in my mind when, suddenly, the flash came! Not strep latina, but scarletina, another name for scarlet fever, which is an infectious disease caused by strains of Group A streptococci.

Once a very common and frightening disease, it is rather uncommon these days, due to the wide use of effective antibiotics. It begins, ordinarily enough, with a sore throat and a fever. In from one to five days, a characteristic, fine, sandpaper-like red rash appears on the chest and rapidly spreads to all other parts of the body.

While there is a pale area around the lips,

the rest of the face becomes flushed and red. The tongue takes on a "strawberry" look, and some of the creases in the skin show darker red lines. The skin rash is caused by a toxin, or poison, produced by these special strains of the strep bug. Other than that, the infection is much like garden variety strep throat, and can be treated with penicillin, which shortens the course of the illness in young children.

At any rate, the fever disappears after a few days, and the infection will run its course with recovery complete in two weeks. I'm sure your child is well now, and you certainly provided me with an interesting puzzle.

I thought you would like to know: It's pretty hard to estimate the cost of the suffering caused by mental illness in the United States, but the number of victims is frightening. More than 35 million Americans, from all walks of life and from all parts of our society, are affected by some form of mental illness. And it is an illness that requires medical attention and care as would any other affliction.

Though it may strike more people than cancer, heart disease and lung disease com-

bined, it frequently goes unrecognized because the symptoms are so subtle and varying. Since proper treatment can't start without diagnoses, and diagnoses can't be made without consultations, the American Mental Health Fund (AMHF) has embarked on a campaign to make us all more aware of mental illness. To this end they have prepared an informative brochure, "What You Don't Know About Mental Illness Could Fill a Booklet," to help educate and assist efforts to obtain help.

A careful reading of this brochure will provide you with some warning signs of mental illness, and action guidelines if you believe that someone you love is a victim. There are many addresses and telephone number of organizations that can be of enormous assistance in helping you find appropriate and effective care. You may obtain your free copy of this pamphlet by sending your request and a stamped self-addressed business envelope DIRECTLY to The American Mental Health Fund, P.O. Box 17389, Washington, D.C. 20041, or call 1-800-433-3959 (for booklet orders only).

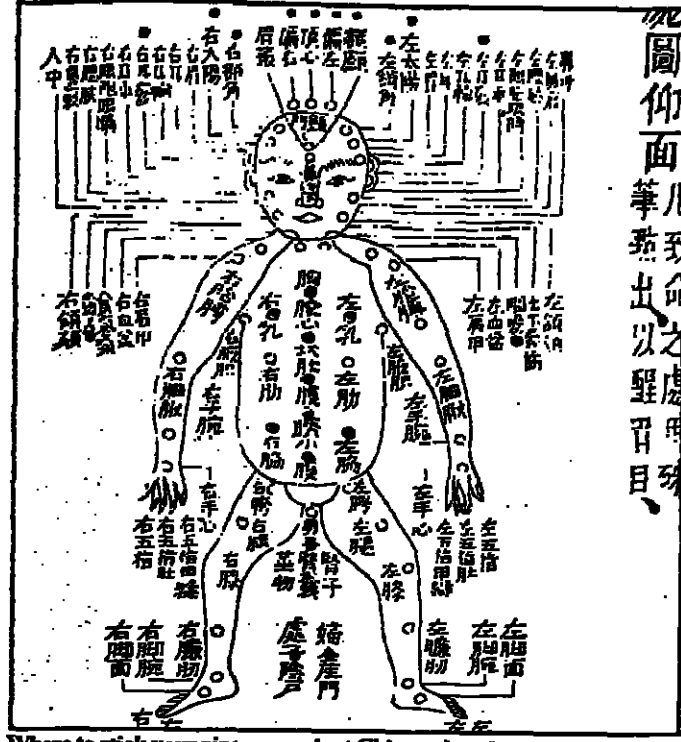
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By Smith







Where to stick your pins: an ancient Chinese drawing of acupuncture

## UK doctors see the point in acupuncture

In China, acupuncture is regularly used for pain relief during operations, but doctors in the West have generally been sceptical about its benefits. Recent research in the UK is providing a growing body of evidence that could dispel doubts and lead to more widespread clinical use of the ancient Oriental therapy.

By Ellis Downes

AFTER centuries of the practice of acupuncture, scientists are just beginning to learn how sticking pins into sick people makes them feel better, and in some cases helps cure them.

Discoveries being made by Chinese and British researchers, including a team at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, could lead to more widespread clinical use of the ancient oriental therapy.

While in China acupuncture is regularly used for pain relief during operations, doctors in Britain have been sceptical about its benefits. But a team of 135,000 medically qualified practitioners in the UK country, only 550 offer acupuncture as a service.

The research now being done is providing a growing body of evidence that doctors hope will dispel their colleagues' doubts. Acupuncture is one of the

oldest therapies known to man: stone needles can be traced back 10,000 years.

Legend has it that the method was discovered when a soldier struck by an arrow found that his pain was relieved when he was struck by a second arrow. Acupuncture is mentioned in the oldest textbook in the world, The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine, written in 300 BC.

Traditionally Chinese acupuncturists believed that disease was caused by an imbalance of positive and negative forces within the body, and that the therapy worked by restoring this balance, changing the flow of *qi* or vital energy, through the body's channels or meridians. (No physiological basis for these channels has yet been found).

However, scientists now know that acupuncture works in two linked ways. In one, naturally produced pain-killing substances, endorphins (endogenous



Acupuncture is one of the oldest therapies known to man.

morphine-like substances), are released into the body; in the other the nerve fibres that modify the body's perception of pain seem to be stimulated.

Endorphins have been found to increase after acupuncture. This was shown in one experiment, where cerebrospinal fluid was removed from one rat after therapy and transferred to another. The second animal was able to tolerate more pain stimuli as a result of the first rat's increased endorphins.

For acupuncture to be effective a patient must have an intact nervous system. Patients who are partially paralysed have been found not to benefit from acupuncture treatment in the affected areas of their bodies.

A model of pain, known as the gate theory, holds that large nerve fibres can act to limit the

body's pain perception by effectively inhibiting the path of the pain as it is transmitted through small nerve fibres.

Acupuncture has also been found to work through the brain's pituitary gland. When stimulated, this releases beta-endorphin which together with serotonin, a neurotransmitter, may modify the way the brain receives pain stimuli.

There are still a number of grey areas in research; for example, it is still not fully understood how the nerves and cells interrelate to release pain-killing substances.

No anaesthetist in the United Kingdom routinely uses acupuncture as the only method of pain relief during operations, but its proponents argue that it is cheaper and causes fewer side-effects, such as vomiting and

headaches, than conventional anaesthetics.

A recent study, which compared 1,000 births by Caesarean section carried out under acupuncture with 237 under epidural anaesthesia, showed that acupuncture gave a more stable blood pressure, gave rise to less blood loss (an average 278ml with acupuncture, 390ml with epidurals) and a faster post-operative recovery, with fewer complications.

Indeed, only 5.2 per cent of the mothers who had been treated with acupuncture needed the powerful painkiller, pethidine, after the birth, while 29.9 per cent of those treated with epidurals needed the drug.

This is a significant finding: the commonest reason for British mothers to die in childbirth is anaesthetic complications.



Research shows that a daily brisk two-mile walk can reduce the chances of a heart attack.

### Benefits of low-intensity exercise

## Walking away from a heart attack

By Mary Hurford

IN a few weeks, a group of 70 middle-aged, unfit men will take to striding around the streets of Loughborough, in the UK each trying to clock up two to three miles of brisk walking a day.

The idea is to prove you do not have to exercise until red-faced and sweaty in order to do your heart some good.

They will be supervised by Dr Adrienne Hardman, a sports scientist from Loughborough University, who has just completed a similar experiment on a group of women.

The results showed a daily, brisk two-mile walk can reduce significantly the amount of artery-clogging cholesterol in the blood, and therefore the chances of a heart attack.

Study

The pilot study is being extended into a more comprehensive experiment because, although heart disease is a big and increasing killer of women, it kills substantially more men. The £45,000, three-year project is being partly funded by the British Heart Foundation, which is delighted with Dr Hardman's results.

Getting people to walk three miles a day, says Professor Desmond Julian, medical director of the foundation, will be easier than persuading them to take up jogging. It will also be safer.

Suddenly taking up a vigorous sport such as squash would be dangerous for someone who is unfit, he says. "It could bring on a heart attack — when playing squash, people get so involved they often ignore the breathlessness and chest pains."

Dr Hardman is still recruiting her male volunteers. To qualify they must be aged between 42 and 59, strangers to recent exercise, non-smokers and free from any known cardio-vascular disease.

This age range is stipulated because, between those years, cholesterol levels do not change as a consequence of age. Up to 42 and beyond 60 they tend to increase slightly as people get older.

The study is one of the first to look into the effects of what Dr Hardman calls "low-intensity exercise." There is a lot of evidence to show more vigorous activities such as running and aerobics are good for cholesterol levels but, Dr Hardman says, no more than 10 per cent of the population can be persuaded to take these up. A brisk daily walk, she believes, will seem less daunting.

Twenty-eight women, with an average age of 44, took part in her year-long pilot study. All had to admit to being sedentary before starting and were supposed to build-up gradually to three miles of brisk walking a day.

Most managed only two extra miles a day but that, Dr Hardman says, was enough to show marked benefits to their health.

By the end of the trial, all the women could walk much faster with less effort. All the classic signs of being fitter were evident, including lower heart rates, a greater capacity to use oxygen and lower concentrations of lactic acid in the blood after exercise. Muscles produce lactic acid when fatigued.

More importantly, the additional exercise had a significant effect on cholesterol levels. Overall, the women's total cholesterol levels fell an average six per cent and there was a 27 per cent increase in the amount of high-density lipoproteins, a substance believed to protect against heart disease.

Cholesterol is carried in blood by two types of lipoprotein — high-density and low-density. The "good" high-density lipoproteins appear to slow down the blocking of arteries by carrying cholesterol away from cells in their lining and into the liver for safe disposal.

Combination

Low-density lipoproteins are less friendly and carry the cholesterol in the opposite direction. Anyone with a high level of low-density lipoproteins in their blood is susceptible to heart disease.

Dr Hardman believes the combination of the fall in cholesterol

and the increase in high-density lipoproteins means the women have reduced the risk of a heart attack by a quarter. A change in their diet probably would reduce the risk further.

All the women said they felt better for the exercise. Myrtle Winterton, 46, says she noticed a great improvement, feeling much fitter and more comfortable with herself.

Because of a back injury, she had done virtually no exercise for two years. She started off gradually until she was averaging at least 20 minutes brisk walking daily. Now she will always walk the mile into town and on occasions walks 10 or 12 miles for pleasure. Her cholesterol level has fallen significantly and she has lost half a stone.

However, most of the women did not lose weight. This could prove useful in understanding why physical activity should increase the amount of high-density lipoproteins in the blood. One theory is that it is the process of getting slimmer that causes the effect, but the Loughborough experiment appears to indicate that exercise has an effect in its own right.

The men will be expected to manage three miles of walking a day, one mile more than the women. If the results are as promising as those of the women, millions of people can stop feeling guilty about never having taken up jogging.

## Stuttering linked to brain flaws

By Lee Siegel

SAN FRANCISCO (AP): Stuttering, once thought to be purely a psychological malaise, has been linked to brain abnormalities by scientists who also hope to understand many disorders by making videotapes of the brain in action.

Subtle irregularities in electrical activity and blood flow were found in brains of 60 per cent of stutters, whose speech is broken by abnormal pauses, repetitions or prolongations of sounds, said audiologist Terese Finitzo, who directed the University of Texas studies.

She said similar brain abnormalities were detected in 84 per cent of people with spasmodic dysphonia, in which malfunctioning vocal cords produce a hoarse, strained, strangled-sounding voice.

The scientists studied 20 stutters and 77 people with spasmodic dysphonia by examining magnetic resonance imaging pictures of brain anatomy. Unlike cat (computerized axial tomography) scans, which use X-rays, the technique uses a magnet and radio waves to make pictures of organs.

The scientists also made maps of brain electrical activity as measured by electrodes on the head and images of brain blood flow.

The studies also suggest the speech defects have many causes, because not all the patients had brain abnormalities, Pool said.

Stutterers and people with spasmodic dysphonia often receive speech therapy to learn to slow down, breathe differently or otherwise alter their speaking habits, but for many "the benefits are minimal," Pool said.

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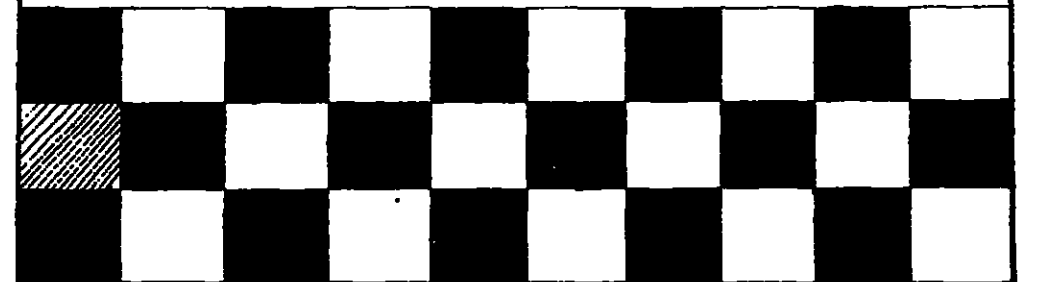
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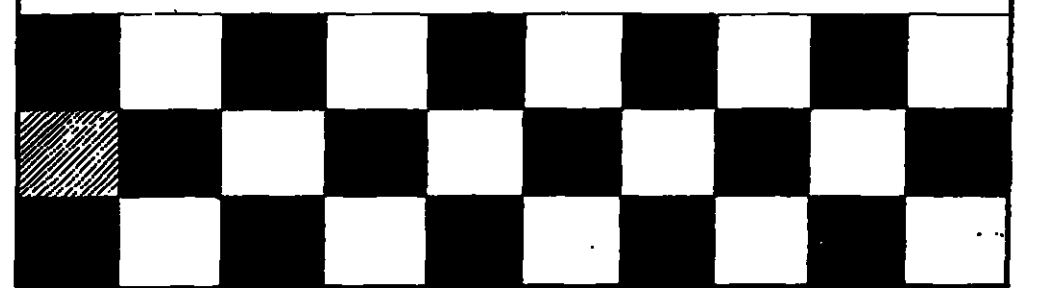
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Commercial banks get conditional authority to underwrite debt securities

## Dollar's bullish sentiment offsets news of trade deficit

NEW YORK, Jan 22, (UPI): For the second week in a row the Federal Reserve was forced to join the Deutsche Bundesbank and several other European central banks in a co-ordinated effort to hold the dollar below levels not seen since last August.

The concerted intervention in the form of dollar-selling was launched in the wake of the dollar's remarkable performance on Wednesday in which the currency surged despite the announcement of a widening of the US merchandise trade deficit in November.

High

And while the dollar was able to withstand the intervention on Wednesday, it finally retreated on Thursday and Friday amid the relentless selling.

Hubert Pedrol, manager of the corporate foreign exchange desk at Credit Suisse, characterized the intervention as forceful and aggressive.

"When the dollar went down, they chased it down further," Pedrol said late Thursday, after

the dollar had fallen from a three-month high of 1.8720 marks. "We tend to think that the Fed is trying to prevent the dollar from reaching the highs of last August," which was 1.92 against the mark, Pedrol said.

"There is a feeling that if it broke through 1.88, it could continue to test the earlier highs," he said.

By week's end, the dollar had retreated to around 1.8450 marks.

The bullish sentiment surrounding the dollar, inspired by high US interest rates, offset the normally unfavourable news of the trade deficit.

The Commerce Department said the November merchandise trade deficit widened to \$12.5 billion, upon from \$10.35 billion in October, and the largest gap since June.

The Labour Department said on Friday that higher costs for housing, food and medical services pushed consumer prices up 0.3 per cent last month, ending a second consecutive year in

which inflation grew by a moderate 4.4 per cent.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade were shaken this week when it was disclosed that the FBI had launched an investigation to determine the existence of fraudulent trading practices.

Sources told UPI on Thursday that FBI agents had posed as commodities traders during a two-year undercover investigation and found evidence of massive fraud in futures trading on the CBOT and CME.

**Takeover**

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday gave five commercial banks conditional authority to underwrite debt securities, including junk bonds, but held off for one year on allowing them to broker stocks.

The Fed approved applications by J.P. Morgan and Co., the Chase Manhattan Corp., Bankers Trust New York Corp and Citicorp, all of New York, and Security Pacific Corp. of Los

Angeles allowing them to engage to a limited extent in securities underwriting and dealing activities.

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co said on Tuesday it had received "commitments in excess" of the financing required to complete its \$24.9 billion takeover of RJR Nabisco Inc.

The four major US banks participating in the financing are Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. and Chase Manhattan Bank, both with commitments of \$750 million, and Bankers Trust Co. and Citicorp, with commitments of \$650 million.

The Coastal Corp. on Tuesday formally launched a \$42-a-share, or \$2.6 billion, takeover bid for Texas Eastern Corp.

Texas Eastern officials said the company's board would examine the offer and recommend action to its shareholders.

It urged them not to act before the company's board made a recommendation.

Shamrock Acquisitions on Thursday increased its \$42-a-

share bid for Polaroid Corp. to \$45 a share and said it planned to "stage a proxy contest for control of Polaroid's board of directors" which has stubbornly resisted the effort.

Polaroid said its board of directors would meet and review the \$3.22 billion offer and "advise Polaroid stockholders in due course."

Texaco Inc. said on Friday it sold its 78 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary to Exxon Corp.'s Canadian unit for \$34.36 a share in cash, or \$3.24 billion.

General Electric Co. on Thursday announced major management changes as its brokerage subsidiary, Kidder, Peabody Group Inc., said the restructuring did not reflect disappointment over the unit's performance.

Michael Carpenter, an executive vice-president of GE Capital, was named president and chief executive officer of Kidder, Peabody Group Inc.

Silas Cathcart is to remain chairman of Kidder, Peabody Group.

Panasonic Co. will pay \$16 million to reimburse hundreds of thousands of consumers who fell victim to a company scheme to fix prices on VCRs, cordless telephones and stereo equipment, New York officials said on Wednesday.

**Prices**

Panasonic forced retailers nationwide to charge certain fixed minimum prices and threatened to cut off dealers who would not comply, said state Attorney General Robert Abrams.

Panasonic, a division of Matsushita Electric Corp. of America based in Secaucus, New Jersey, agreed to the settlement without admitting any wrongdoing.

Citicorp, the nation's largest banking company, was among several banks to report earnings this week and cited the recognition of interest payments from Brazil for sharply higher profits in the fourth quarter and full year 1988.

## World Business Summary

### Economists urged to assess export incentive scheme

LAGOS, Jan 22, (OPECNA): Nigerian economists were urged here this week to examine the effectiveness of the incentives provided under the government's export drive and identify areas where changes were needed. In an address to an economists' meeting, quoted by the Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency, Minister of State for Budget and Planning Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji said it was two years since the incentives were announced but no satisfactory results had been produced. Under an economic diversification programme, the government introduced a number of incentives to encourage production and processing of agricultural and manufactured goods for exports. The government also set up a development fund to aid exporters' prospects for overseas markets and a performance scheme to provide cash grants to exporters on the basis of their annual results. The minister also urged the economists to focus on the medium term in identifying which of the country's agricultural and manufactured goods held export potential. He also requested the participants to recommend a level of domestic investment necessary to sustain market demand. Alhaji noted that the non-oil sector in Nigeria, particularly agriculture, had experienced a "steep decline" since the 1970s when oil emerged as the main foreign exchange earner. He said from a position where agriculture accounted for up to 70 per cent of export earnings in the 1960s, its contribution dropped to a mere two per cent in the 1980s. As a result, its contribution to gross domestic product fell from 60 per cent to just 18 per cent over the same period. Apart from the emergence of oil, other factors responsible for this decline included fluctuations in international primary product prices and improper policy formulation and co-ordination, he added.

### US oil prices tumble

NEW YORK, Jan 22, (Reuters): After rallying to a 14-month high of more than \$19 a barrel this week, US crude oil prices dropped sharply on Friday, signalling the beginning of an expected decline of up to \$2, oil analysts said. West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude oil, fell 42 cents to \$18.86 a barrel for February contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices have rallied this year due to signs that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is serious about new output limits that went into effect Jan 1. Early indications have been that the new quotas are being respected by most OPEC members. Previous output pacts have been undermined by heavy production. Over the previous seven trading sessions, prices had jumped about \$1.60 a barrel. Since the beginning of 1989, prices rose more than \$2 a barrel. The meetings with eight key non-OPEC countries are expected to set the stage for an eventual output cut of about 200,000 barrels per day, according to US oil analysts. The price rise has also been fuelled by proposed federal government regulations to reduce petrol vapour pollution during the summer driving season. Such a change would lower the amount of petrol that can be yielded from a barrel of oil, industry experts say. At one point during the session, February crude oil futures rallied as high as \$19.75 a barrel on news that a North Sea oil platform had caught fire, traders said. Later reports said the fire was quickly extinguished and caused no damage.

"US oil prices will come off when we run out of bullish news," said Bud Degorge, broker at Drexel Burnham Lambert. Robert Jonke, analyst at Cargill Investor Services, said a decline in world oil demand or an increase in crude oil deliveries from the Mideast could provide the fodder for further oil price declines.

### Khamenei endorses controversial Islamic funds

NICOSIA, Jan 22, (Reuters): Officials of Iran's Non-Interest Loan Funds, an Islamic institution condemned by critics as a cover for big business activities, met in Tehran yesterday and received blanket approval from President Ali Khamenei.

"Participation in Non-Interest Loan Funds has been one of the most rewarding activities of people in the past and it should continue to be in future," Tehran radio quoted Khamenei as telling 3,000 managers and officials of 1,500 funds.

The funds have multiplied since the Islamic revolution 10 years ago and control billions of dollars in deposits.

They say their prime task is extending small, interest-free loans to the needy without the red tape involved in borrowing from state banks.

#### Funds

But critics say many of the funds have turned into huge economic empires, using depositors' money for all sorts of business activities outside government regulation.

Khamenei told the meeting the funds were discharging an Islamic duty but they must stay out of politics and offending managers should be removed before they create scandals.

Islam bans interest. Iran, which nationalised banks in 1979, has officially phased out interest although banks and the loan funds continue to charge fees on loans and award "profits and prizes" on deposits.

There have been press reports of depositors gathering at the offices of defaulting funds to demand their money and managers of at least two funds are awaiting trial.

Ettelaat newspaper said in October one of the troubled funds, Milad, established in 1986 with a capital of eight million rials (\$10,000), had attracted deposits totalling 1.8 billion rials (\$26 million).

### East German economic growth slows

EAST BERLIN, Jan 22, (Reuters): East German economic growth faltered in 1988 as most of the country's industries and its agricultural sector fell well below plan targets, official figures published yesterday showed. National income, roughly equivalent to gross national income, rose three per cent in 1988, according to the data in the Communist Party daily newspaper Neues Deutschland. But this was well below the 4.1 per cent target and down on the four per cent achieved in 1987 when East Germany's economy, widely regarded as Eastern Europe's strongest, also missed its growth target. Net industrial production grew seven per cent in 1988, again below target and caused by substantial failures in several key sectors.

#### Targets

In 1988 only three of the 10 listed industrial sectors — coal and energy, electronics and glass and ceramics — reached or beat plan targets. The important chemical industry boosted output by 7.8 per cent, but its target was 12.5 per cent. The figures confirmed that weather had a damaging effect on agriculture last year. The grain harvest was 10 million tonnes, 7.7 per cent below plan, compared with 11.4 tonnes in 1987. The sugar beet crop was 40 per cent lower.

### Bush fails to outline plan for cutting budget deficit

## Dollar still looks good on the charts

LONDON, Jan 22, (Reuters): The dollar's future was uncertain this week after European interest rate hikes and concerted central bank sales knocked it off 3-1/2-month highs and checked a powerful New Year rally.

It ended in New York on Friday more than three plannings down on its week's high at 1.8375 West German marks but remained 3.5 per cent up on the start of the year, supported by high US interest rates giving a relatively sound return on funds.

**Poured**

Last week so-called "hot" or speculative money poured into the dollar, which shrugged off Wednesday's news of the worst US trade deficit since June and then virtually ignored a West German interest rate hike on Thursday.

But by Friday dollar sales by 10 central banks and a wave of interest rate rises from key European nations worried about a higher dollar and rising inflation had forced a retreat.

"The banks won a skirmish but the battle's still on. The dollar may be down but it's not necessarily out for the count," said one London dealer at the weekend.

**Recover**

The dollar also weakened in New York on disappointment that President Bush failed to outline a plan for cutting the budget deficit in the inaugural speech on Friday. Financial markets, however, have generally welcomed the Bush presidency.

European dealers felt the dollar could recover after being battered by the central banks.

"The dollar still looks good on the charts. Some time this week we could see it attack 1.8650 marks again," said Steve Kelleher, senior corporate adviser at Chemical Bank in London.

US officials said policymakers of the Group of Seven industrial nations meeting in Washington on Feb 2 and 3 were determined their talks would be low-key and devoted to broad economic and Third World problems. Unsettled market conditions were not causing panic, they said.

**Slowing**

But economists said G-7 finance ministers and central bankers would face a major headache if the dollar continued to power ahead.

Stock markets around the globe showed no clear trend at

the end of last week with their New Year rally apparently slowing, at least for now.

In New York, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 3.75 points lower at 2,235.36 on inauguration day. Shares in Tokyo were also lower.

French shares were mixed and stocks in Frankfurt ended down while London shares bucked the trend and ended around their highest since the October 1987 stock market crash. Several London stock brokers were confident the new mood of confidence in British shares could be sustained.

Gold prices will depend partly on the dollar's strength. New York gold futures closed sharply higher in active trading. February gold contracts jumped \$4.80 to 409.30 an ounce.

### Jordan and North Yemen to boost trade

AMMAN, Jan 22, (Reuters): Jordan and North Yemen said today they had agreed to boost trade in talks chaired by Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i and his North Yemeni counterpart Abdul Aziz Abdulghani.

A statement issued after a meeting of the two countries' joint higher economic committee gave no figures.

Jordan exported to North Yemen less than \$2 million worth of pharmaceuticals, eggs, textiles, cement and glass in the first nine months of 1988, but took no imports in return, the Trade Ministry said.

North Yemen already employs 500 Jordanian school teachers and 70 medical staff and plans to ask for 45 engineers and more teachers, the statement said.

### Debt crisis rears its head again

## Industrial countries seeking formula to tackle \$1.3t Third World burden

LONDON, Jan 22, (Reuters): A mysterious computer breakdown at Brazil's Central Bank a few days ago, delaying payment of \$500 million to creditors, was a blunt reminder the Third World debt crisis had not gone away.

Brazil, creaking under the pressure of rampant inflation and a \$120-billion debt burden, has promised to pay its banks later this week, but the computer hitch sent jitters through the world's financial community and concentrated the mind.

**Collapse**

More than six years after Mexico's near financial collapse heralded the start of the debt saga, industrial powers are once more seeking a formula to tackle the developing world's \$1.3-trillion burden.

European monetary sources said the new US administration, spurred into action by a string of economic crises in Latin America, has begun sounding out its Western allies on a new strategy it hopes to have in place by April.

An expected slowdown in world economic growth this year and rising interest rates have injected a new sense of urgency into talks, but some economists say the industrial world is doing too little and must adopt more radical solutions.

"The timeframe on some of the new schemes to reduce debt is eight to 10 years — developing countries can't afford to wait that long," said Roger Lawrence, economist at UNCTAD, the Geneva-based United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

**Controversial**

Lawrence was one of the authors of a controversial 1988 report urging banks to write off 30 per cent of debt to poor countries but monetary sources said the Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations had less radical treatment in mind.

The United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy are due to meet on Feb 2 and 3 in Washington for what has been billed as a "get-to-know you" meeting with President Bush's new economic team.

**Strategy**

The agenda will focus on this year's dollar surge but also on ways to tackle the Third World debt problems: in the words of one central banker, "evolutionary, not revolutionary" changes.

A consensus has not yet emerged and the complex politics of international co-operation could lead to serious differences with Japan and France, also eager to assume a leading role.

European central bankers believe Washington wants to be able to unveil a new three-pronged strategy at the G-7's next scheduled meeting at International Monetary Fund talks in April.

Secretary of State James Baker, author of a new largely-defunct 1985 plan that foresaw poor nations growing out of their debt, gave clues to the new approach last week.

— An emphasis on "voluntary debt reduction". This can be done by a nation buying back debt at less than its face value or by banks swapping loans for higher quality bonds, a technique already used by Mexico.

— Closer co-operation between banks and the World Bank to speed the flow of funds through so-called co-financing projects.

**Adamant**

US officials are adamant that the first Baker plan did not fail, arguing that by staying off problems it bought time for banks worldwide to step up reserves against a possible default.

But nor did it generate sustained growth in the developing world and they concede that time has now come for a new thrust, already being dubbed by economists as "Baker II."

### Industrial production slightly up

## Soviet agricultural output slows

MOSCOW, Jan 22, (Reuters): Agricultural production grew more slowly in 1988 and the grain harvest fell but industrial production went up slightly, the State Committee for Statistics said in its annual report.

State spending is still growing faster than income in the Soviet Union and the financial situation "remains difficult," according to the report, published by the state news agency Tass today.

**Sustained**

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and others have said that failure to produce more food could weaken support for his political and economic reforms.

was up 4.4 per cent over 1987 but that pay was growing faster than productivity.

This appears to raise the prospect of inflation, which has finally been acknowledged as a problem by Soviet authorities. But the report published today gave no estimate for inflation in 1988.

Agricultural production in 1988 was 461.6 billion roubles (\$746 billion) — up by just 1.6 billion roubles (\$2.58 billion) or 0.7 per cent over the previous year, Tass said.

The 1988 grain harvest was only 197 million tonnes, the report said. That would make it the smallest since 1985, when it was 191.7 million tonnes.

The harvest was slightly better than the 195 million estimate given on Monday by Stepan Sitaryan, first deputy chairman of the State Planning Committee, but lower than predictions by Western experts.

It fell far short of the 235-million-tonne target in the state plan and will mean more buying on the world market by the Soviet Union, the world's biggest grain importer.

Potato, vegetable and fruit output fell in many parts of the country and targets for deliveries to the state were not met, Tass said.

**Production**

The rate of growth in farm production slowed considerably in the past three years, despite measures to encourage production and calls to overcome chronic shortages. Agricultural production grew by 1.8 per cent in 1987 and by 5.1 per cent in 1986.

Industrial production in 1988 was 903 billion roubles (\$1.461 billion), an increase of 3.9 per cent over 1987 and a small improvement on the previous year's growth of 3.8 per cent.

## NORASIA SIGN EUROPE ASIA SPACE SHARE AGREEMENT

On the 17th January 1989, Norasia Line announced the signing of a multi-year Space Sharing Agreement with Sea-Land Service, INC. This is another milestone in Norasia Line's relatively short but successful history.

Since its foundation in March 1978, Norasia Line has been providing Shipping Services to the European - Middle Eastern - Asian Trades. The Space Charter Agreement with Sea-Land service will allow Norasia Line to now upgrade its container service to a weekly fixed day frequency.

In 1984, Norasia Line took the initiative to make the "SHIP-OF-THE-FUTURE" project a reality. The first "SHIP-OF-THE-FUTURE" - NORASIA SAMANTHA - was delivered by the yard HDW (HOWALDTSWERKE DEUTSCHE WERFT, KIEL, West Germany) on October 1, 1988. By June 1989 Norasia Line will operate 10 of these STATE-OF-THE-ART container vessels. This is the most modern and cost effective container vessel fleet currently trading, due to full automation, fuel saving measures, crew of only 15 persons, low maintenance, and this at increased safety to crew and cargo.

Norasia Line and Sea-Land Service jointly announced the Space Sharing Agreement that will enable the inauguration of the new weekly service in March/April with Norasia Line contributing ten vessels and Sea-Land three. The 13 vessels are rated at 1980 teu's each.

The combined 13 vessels will operate on a weekly fixed day frequency to serve the following six geographic regions: NORTH EUROPE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SUBCONTINENT, SOUTH EAST ASIA, AND THE FAR EAST.

Ports served in the weekly rotation will include Felixstowe, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Le Havre, Algeciras, Piraeus, Jeddah, Dubai, Karachi, Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Keelung, Busan, Kobe/Osaka, Nagoya, and Yokohama, Norasia Line's dedicated Adriatic relay system service Venice, Trieste, Ancona, Koper and Alexandria, will continue to connect at Piraeus to the mainline service both Eastbound and Westbound.

The ports of Sharjah, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Dammam, Kuwait, and Bahrain, are linked to the mainline service of Norasia/Sea-Land by the Norasia Arabia through Dubai.

Both carriers will operate as independents in this trade because the Far East freight conference is closed. However, pricing policies will be strongly oriented towards trade stability.

Norasia and Sea-Land will each maintain its own separate identity as a carrier in the trade lanes, or services involved, and that each carrier will provide its own sales, pricing and marketing, and issue its own Bills of Lading.



## Perez to seek rescheduling of his country's \$32b foreign debt

## OPEC ministers to reassert output discipline

CARACAS, Jan. 22, (Reuters): OPEC oil ministers will hold a "very important" meeting next month in Caracas to reaffirm the will of member nations to abide by their production quotas, Venezuela's President-elect Carlos Andres Perez said.

He told reporters yesterday, following his return from a tour of the Gulf: "We will have a very important meeting here with them (OPEC oil ministers) within the framework of efforts we are making to maintain rigid compliance with the quotas we (OPEC nations) have imposed on ourselves."

**Inauguration**  
Perez said the oil ministers would be in Caracas to attend his inauguration as president on Feb. 2.

He did not say how many oil ministers from OPEC's 13 member nations would be present. But the Foreign Ministry last Wednesday confirmed the

presence of OPEC President Rikman Lukman, who is also Nigeria's Oil Minister, OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer and Indonesian Oil Minister Ginandjar Kartasmita.

Deputy Energy Minister Eduardo Prasely said four days ago that Perez wanted to brief visiting oil ministers on Feb. 1 about his initiatives regarding the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Venezuela is a founder.

## Trips

The El Nacional newspaper reported that other OPEC oil ministers attending the inauguration would come from Iran, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Algeria and Ecuador. No Energy Ministry spokesmen were immediately available to comment.

Following his election on Dec. 4, Perez has made two trips to the Middle East during which he has met the leaders of OPEC members Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE and Algeria.

Perez has said he has promoted the idea of an OPEC summit during these trips. The last such OPEC meeting was in Algiers in 1975, which Perez attended.

## Rescheduling

OPEC last November agreed to cut output by about 20 percent to a ceiling of 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD) and the agreement became effective on Jan. 1, 1989.

Violation of quotas by some member nations last year caused oil prices to slump by as much as \$7 below the organisation's target \$18 a barrel price. Following the implementation of the new OPEC accord on Jan. 1, prices have recovered to around target levels.

OPEC's next ordinary ministerial conference is scheduled for June.

Meanwhile in Bonn, Perez said on Friday he would seek a rescheduling of his country's \$32 billion foreign debt, the fourth largest in Latin America.

Perez told reporters during a visit to Bonn that democracy in Latin America was threatened by the crippling debt burden.

"Venezuela is the only Latin American country that has paid not only interest but also principal," he said. "This cannot go on. We will have to seek a delay in payments."

He said Latin American debtor nations must co-ordinate their debt repayment talks through the so-called group of eight.

The Group of Eight, initially formed to promote peace in Central America, is made up of Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, Panama, Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia

and Peru.

"The industrialised world tells us ourselves are to blame for squandering our resources," Perez said. "But this is the past. Our democracies are threatened by our excessive debts."

## Framework

He said Latin America "must get together to formulate a framework for negotiations."

Perez, on a tour of European and Middle Eastern countries, said each nation must solve its debt problem alone.

But Latin Americans would profit from forming a common front "just as the industrialised creditors do through their institutions."

"Debt is the crucial issue for our whole region," he said.

Latin America has a total debt of around \$435 billion. Venezuela is the fourth biggest debtor in the region after Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

## China opens new areas for oil exploration

BEIJING, Jan. 22, (Reuters): China has opened new areas for oil exploration but foreign firms are unlikely to be as enthusiastic as in 1983 when its southern waters were hailed as a new North Sea.

Beijing has also offered fresh incentives to try to revive foreign interest which has cooled as oil prices have fallen and as discoveries have failed to live up to early hopes.

Chinese officials said several foreign companies had shown interest in submitting offers in three months' time to explore in offshore areas over 32,000 square km (12,500 square miles) in the Pearl River basin in the South China Sea.

**Surprised**  
But a foreign diplomat here who follows the oil industry said: "I would be very surprised if there is much interest in these

blocks."

Though some companies have found oil and natural gas offshore, production so far has been minimal.

China produced 137 million tonnes of oil last year with just one million tonnes produced offshore. China's oil officials say offshore output could reach three million tonnes by next year.

**Turned**  
"Geological encouragement has been slow in coming and with the oil price the way it is we will need to find rather a lot of oil to get very excited," said Tim Brennan, chief of Royal Dutch Shell's operations for China and Hong Kong.

Beijing has long worried about stagnant offshore oil output and rising demand for energy from its growing industry.

It once held up its offshore regions as its hope to become an

energy giant but those hopes have faded.

Oil prices have tumbled since foreign oil companies first rushed to gain a share of China's offshore oil exploration. Oil from its big onshore field, Daqing, is selling at \$15.50 a barrel after once nearly reaching twice that level.

Foreign companies, finding less oil than expected and at higher cost, have pared their staff. British Petroleum once had more than 140 employees in China. It now has six.

**Understanding**  
Beijing had planned to open up twice as much acreage off its southeast coast but cut the area back at the last minute because of reservations by foreign companies.

"We have presented the best areas. Perhaps there would not have been much point in offering

the rest," an official of the state-run China National Offshore Oil said.

Shell's Brennan said: "I find in discussions a growing experience and growing understanding of the position of the foreign oil taker."

"It is in nobody's interest for the oil to stay in the ground," he said. "Governments and companies have the same interests but sometimes it takes time to understand that."

Among fresh incentives, Beijing has announced a cut in royalty payments to encourage foreign companies to develop small offshore oil fields.

Chinese and foreign concerns will be exempt from royalties for fields producing less than one million tonnes of oil a year. A top rate of 12.5 per cent was in effect in the two earlier rounds of bidding.

## Kuwait to export petroleum coke for the first time

KUWAIT, Jan. 22, (KUNA): Kuwait will export petroleum coke for the first time in the first half of this year thanks to the recent modernisation of the Mina Abdulla port and its refinery, a senior oil marketing executive said in a statement published here today.

The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's sales manager for the West Suez area, Kamel Harami told Al-Sayassah newspaper the port's modernisation will also contribute to the improvement of the quality of refined crudes and significantly raise the capacity of the port's refinery.

## Capacity

The refinery's capacity will shoot up from 120,000 a barrels per day to 180,000 a day, he said. He added that the country was now refining some 60 per cent of its crude, or 600,000 barrels per day.

Harami said Kuwait's oil marketing policy was designed to minimise risks and rely on foreign outlets for oil by-products.

Regarding the corporation's activities in 1988, Al-Harami said that 50 per cent of Kuwait's production goes to east of Suez, and 50 per cent to the west.

## Marketing

On the retail sales, he said that Q8, the corporation's marketing arm, now owns more than 5,000 gas stations in Europe including Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Sweden, and Britain.

The oil executive expressed satisfaction that the ceasefire in the Gulf war will help stabilise oil markets and increase the co-ordination opportunities among the OPEC member states.

He confirmed that 70 per cent of Kuwait's oil is being shipped by Kuwaiti-owned tankers.

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.080					
GULF BANK	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	110000	
COMMERCIAL BK	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	110000	
AHLI BANK	0.355	0.355	0.355	0.355	20000	
B.K.M.E.	0.390					
K.R.E.B.	0.390					
BURGAN BANK	0.270	0.270	0.270	0.270	20000	
K.F.HOUSE	0.520	0.520	0.520	0.520	40000	
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.102					
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
K.I.I.C.	0.140					
COM. FACILITIES	0.480					
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.000					
I.F.A.	0.096					
INV. PEARL KUT	0.096					
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.720	0.680	0.680	0.680	94920	1
GULF INSURANCE	0.360					
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.620					
HABBA INS. CO.	0.400					
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180					
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.076	0.075	0.075	0.075	80000	1
MAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.202					
SALAH R.E.	0.080					
KUT R.E.I. CO.	0.000					

INDUSTRY SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
MAT IND. CO.	0.550					
KUT M.P. IND.	0.320					
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255					
REF. IND. CO.	0.405					
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000					
GULF CABLE	1.100					
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.190					
CONT. MARINE	0.280					
K.SH. REP. CO.	0.045					
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082					
K.N.C. CO.	0.180					
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170					
P. HAREHOUSING	0.134	0.132	0.132	0.132	120000	3
COM. MCT. CNPK.	0.017					
MOBILE TELE.	0.325					
KUT COMPUTER	0.152					
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.238					
UNTD FISHERIES	0.140					
UNTD POULTRY	0.228					
KUT FOODS	0.295					
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150					
NON-KUT SECTOR						
B.W. INTER. BK	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	200000	2
B.W. M. EAST. BK	0.053					
UNTD. GULF BK	0.000					
COAST INVEST.	0.095					
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.035					
FIRST GULF BK	0.620					
GULF MEDICAL	0.031					

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
FINANCIAL SECTOR						
GULF INTL. INS.	0.000					
ARAB INT. CO.	0.000					
SHARJAH INS.	0.000					
GULF UNION INS.	0.000					
R.K. WHITE CHMT	0.000					
AJMAN CEMENT	0.000					
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-FUJAIH CEMENT	0.000					
S-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010					
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010					

## Indonesia wants quota increases if oil prices rise continues

JAKARTA, Jan. 22, (Reuters): Indonesia will propose raising oil output quotas at the next OPEC meeting if prices continue rising. Oil Minister Ginandjar Kartasmita said.

"If prices continue jumping higher and higher, Indonesia will suggest OPEC increase quotas to defend the \$18 benchmark price at the next OPEC conference in June," he told reporters yesterday after meeting President Suharto.

Ginandjar said OPEC must take care that prices do not jump too high too fast because as that might create "market shock leading to oil substitution and energy diversification."

"We are satisfied with the \$18 level, which we view as acceptable to both consumers and producers. The \$18 price does

not set off alarms in the world economy."

"We hope this price can be defended, but we are not overly optimistic because prices at the moment are being influenced by several factors," he said.

These included OPEC's agreement in November to maintain quota restrictions, unexpected problems which have cut North Sea output, and increased demand in the United States.

"The prices can be defended as long as OPEC consistently maintains the agreed output ceiling," he said.

Ginandjar, who has just returned from a tour of Latin American oil producers outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said Mexico was willing to cut output to help stabilise prices.

## Mitterrand and aides silent on insider trading claim

PARIS, Jan. 22, (Reuters): The French government kept silent today over a newspaper report which said a close friend of President Francois Mitterrand had netted about 11 million francs (\$1.8 million) in an insider share-trading scandal.

But while the presidency refused to comment on the detailed allegations in the respected daily Le Monde, a senior Communist politician compounded the Socialist government's discomfort by calling for a parliamentary probe.

## Implicated

Le Monde yesterday implicated businessman Roger Patrice Pelat, who met Mitterrand in a German prison camp in World War Two, in the scandal over insider trading.

Pelat is one of Mitterrand's close friends who accompany the 72-year-old President on his almost daily strolls through Paris.

Le Monde said Mitterrand had stopped meeting Pelat since his alleged involvement in the scandal surfaced three weeks ago.

The newspaper alleged that Pelat had bought 50,000 shares in the US firm Triangle Industries Inc. last November just before a takeover by the French state-owned company Pechiney which sent the share price surging.

Trading in Triangle shares before the takeover followed the ebb and flow of supposedly

secret negotiations, fuelling suspicions that information was leaked to well-placed individuals.

Pelat has made no comment on the report.

France's securities commission, the COB, is investigating the "Pechiney affair" and its final report will be submitted on Jan. 31, Finance Ministry sources said today.

## Maintained

Mitterrand's spokesman said yesterday he had no comment on Le Monde's report and aides maintained their silence today.

A senior Communist, Andre Lajoie, urged the creation of a parliamentary commission of inquiry into both the Pechiney share scandal and controversy over the future of a major French bank, Societe Nationale.

"In both cases public money has served private interests, private enrichment," Lajoie, leader of the Communist group in the national assembly and his party's candidate in last year's presidential election, said in a radio interview.

## Claimed

Senior opposition conservatives had already made similar calls for an inquiry in parliament, which is currently in recess. They argue the scandal is proof of hypocrisy in the Socialist elite because it betrays capitalist leanings it would never publicly admit.

The Pechiney affair claimed its first victim last Friday when the

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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.75 1.74
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.08 2.07
ARAB BANK	144.2144.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.30 4.30
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44 2.41
ARAB INSURANCE	1.00 1.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.77 0.73
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.21 1.25
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.60 0.63
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.50 2.45
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.37 0.37
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.36 2.35
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	16.2016.20
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	30.0030.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.64 0.64
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.23 2.23
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.87 0.86
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.64 0.65
GARAGE OWNERS ORF.	4.60 4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34 1.30
GENERAL MINING.	1.45 1.50
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44 1.44
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.72 0.73
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP. BK	1.62 1.63
INDUSTRIAL/CONV/AGR	1.56 1.55
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERN. CO./INV	0.13 0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.92 0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.71 1.71
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
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JOR EAGLE INS.	25.0125.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.76 1.76
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20 1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.03 1.05
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30 2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.82 2.85
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.45 0.48
JOR LIM BRICK	0.23 0.23
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.66 2.66
JOR PAPER CARBON	3.60 3.50
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.73 3.91
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.56 1.56
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.90 1.90
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25 4.40
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.08 1.03
JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.09 1.12
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.87 2.91
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.55 1.55
JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00 5.00
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.94 0.91
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	8.70 8.66
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45 5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.60 2.65
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.45 0.45
JORDAN DAIRY	1.03 1.04
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.22 1.23
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85 13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BIK	1.83 1.83
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.47 1.45
JORDAN TANNING	2.15 2.15
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74 0.71
MACH/RENT/MAIN	0.78 0.79
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.13 1.13
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.80 0.80
MIDDEL EAST INS	1.21 1.27
MATERIALS RESEARCH	0.74 0.75
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.10 2.10
NAT/CABEL/AIR/INF	1.35 1.33
NATIONAL ARIE/INS	1.58 1.58
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.46 0.45
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.88 0.92
NATIONAL STEEL	2.91 2.95
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BANK	2.40 2.47
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.05 1.10
RAFFA INDUSTRIAL	0.82 0.86
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احمد شاہ

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حال میں کی دہائی کی جانب سے - اعلان کیا گیا تھا کہ فوری کیا افغانستان سے صورت سپاہیوں کی واپسی نہیں۔ ماکو نے یہ وارننگ کی پہلی مرتبہ سپاہیوں کی سے ملے بھی وہی دہائی کا نظارہ۔ کہ چاہتا لیکن وقت تمام جاہلہ سے - حرموں ہونا ہے کہ نہ پیدہ ہو گیا ہے۔ سپاہیوں کی واپسی کے سواہ پر مبنی کی کام لگا۔ اس امر سے قریب تک ایک ایسی سیاسی تہلیل کا اعلان کیا حکومت سے تمام قلیل جواب تک دیا جاتا ہے۔ سامنے کی آگے اس وقت صورت کے دوہیں رہے۔ سامنے ہیں۔ صورت ذاتی وزیر خارجہ کیلک - نسوونی - ۸۵ - آباد میں حالیہ مظہر کیلک

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والے صفائی عملے نے ہسپتال گردی

کمرے میں روکھا گیا انہوں نے بار بار مختلف کیم کو مطلع کیا کہ کوئی شیشی نہیں ہے، لیکن کیم اس کوئی شیشی سے کچھ بھی ادا نہیں کیا۔ کئی ایک کارکن نے شکایت کی ہے کہ کیم کو کچھ نہ کچھ ملے گا تو وہ اور اس کے پاس دم نہیں ہے۔ چنانچہ چابی دینے کی صورت میں غلامیوں کا انفرادی بند کر کے دیکھ لیا ہے۔

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آہنی سب اب آگ کے حصار میں ہیں  
سمیٹ کر تو چمکل رہا ہوں میں  
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..... فزائسی فحیوں نے اُٹی کے شر  
کے پورے پورے کھنڈ کر لیا۔

..... جس کی سب عالم بے پناہ شکل کر دیئے گئے  
کے کھنڈ کو شکست کا نشانہ ڈنڈا نہ تھا۔

..... بالیڈ نے جو سنی کے سابق قیصر  
دوم کو گھم گھم اہل کے عمر کی سزا کے  
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انڈیا اور ملائیشیا اپنی سرحدی

..... اپنی سب بھاری ہر ضامن ہو گئے  
جہاں کوریا نے امریکی غارت کے

..... جہاز کو پکڑ لیا اور حملے کے آدمیوں کو  
سوس کو قرار دیا۔

برج میزان

۲۲ راکت تا ۲۳ راکت

اگر آپ کی بحث میں الہی کے لئے جاسے کا کار  
میرزا صاحب کے لئے ہے علی گڑھ میں۔ اس وقت  
تحت کر کے کہ قلعہ جو چھوڑ دیا ہے ابھی کوہ  
خوشی میں ہے کہ ابھی ہے۔ آپ کی صحبت  
دوست کر سکی گے جو عکس اور پائیکل۔

برج میزان

۲۲ راکت تا ۲۳ راکت

مگر ہے گفت و خام روز سے کہ کر کے ابھی  
طرح بند کر لیں۔ مگر وہیں کی جانب سے خوشی کا خلیہ  
کر لیں۔ اپنی طرف سے کہہ دی گئی۔ مگر وہی سے کام  
نہیں۔

برج عقرب

۲۳ راکت تا ۲۴ راکت

آپ ہی دلچسپی میں ہے کہ کر سکی گے  
استے تمام کو کر لیں۔ مگر وہیں سے کہہ دی گئی۔

**برج ثور**

۱۹ اپریل تا ۱۹ مئی

آج آپ کے برج پر چاند کی سیڑھی اتر گئی اس لئے چاند مل کر کچھ میں سے کسی گھر پر کھینچ کر آئے گا۔ اس بات میں کوئی شک نہیں ہے۔ لیکن آپ سے یہ درخواست کی گئی ہے کہ اس وقت میں سے کوئی ایک دن کوئی کام کر لیں۔

دوسروں کے مفاد کا خیال نہ کریں۔

**برج جوزا**

۲۰ مئی تا ۲۰ جون

اس برج پر آپ کو کم سے کم کام کرنا پڑے گا۔ اس لئے اس وقت میں سے کوئی ایک دن کوئی کام کر لیں۔

دوسروں کے مفاد کا خیال نہ کریں۔

**برج سرطان**

۲۱ جون تا ۲۱ اگست

دوسروں کو اپنی بات سے بے جا متاثر نہ کرنے کے لئے اس وقت میں سے کوئی ایک دن کوئی کام کر لیں۔

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**برج جدی**

۲۰ ستمبر تا ۱۹ نومبر

آج آپ میں کامیاب کاروبار میں کامیابی کا  
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**برج دلو**

۲۰ ستمبر تا ۱۹ نومبر

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**برج کواکب**

۱۹ نومبر تا ۱۹ مارچ

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لیچکا اردو ہے یا نہیں۔

بروج اسد

۲۲ جولائی ۲۰۱۱ء گنت

بہتر قری انشاءات کو کسی فعل بحث میں لایجھ  
تے ہیں گئے کوئی ایسا کام نہ کریں یہ آپ کے پہلے  
کے ہوئے کا پس کے عقاب ہو۔ کافر کافر بحث  
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**برج محل**

۲۰ مارچ تا ۱۸ اپریل

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## Slaney sets indoor mark in 1,000m

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22. (Reuters) Mary Slaney, trying to put behind her a poor showing at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, set a US indoor best in the women's 1,000 metres at the US West Athletics Meeting yesterday.

Slaney, who holds all American outdoor records between 800 and 5,000 metres and the world 1,600-metre record, finished in two minutes 37.6 seconds, eclipsing the previous mark of 2:37.9 set by Joetta Clark.

Brit-Lind Peterson of Canada was second in 2:47.57 and Essie Washington of the United States came third in 2:49.10.

Smiling broadly, Slaney, 30, said she "would have been extremely disappointed if I hadn't got the American record. I came here thinking that I should be able to get the American record, absolutely, and it did really good, the world record."

**Failed**  
"Obviously I was a bit tired," Slaney, who is married to British former discus thrower Richard Slaney and has a two-year-old daughter, failed to win a medal in the 1,500 and 3,000 metres at Seoul. In the 1984 games at Los Angeles, she fell after tangling with Zola Budd in the 3,000 metres.

Roger Kingdom, winner of the 100 metres hurdles at both Seoul and Los Angeles, was upset by fellow American Arthur Blake in the 55 metres hurdles. Blake hit the finish in 7.11 seconds, two-hundredths of a second ahead of Kingdom.

## Rice likely to play in Super Bowl

MIAMI, Jan. 22. (Reuters) Cincinnati Bengals coach Sam Wyche put his team through a light workout yesterday and said the club is as fine-tuned as possible for its battle this evening against the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XXIII.

"It was everything we could ask for," said Wyche after the nearly 3-1 underdog Bengals held a 30-minute walk-through practice. "I don't know a team I have been around that has been quite as ready for a game."

**Deplete**  
Jerry Rice, the 49ers star wide receiver with five touchdown receptions in two post-season games, was likely to play this evening despite soreness in his ankle which he injured last Monday.

After Friday's last 49er practice Rice said: "It feels sore, but it's not as bad as when I first hurt it."

## Gretzky second on all-time scoring list

HARTFORD, Connecticut, Jan. 22. (AP) Wayne Gretzky of the Los Angeles Kings moved into second place on the all-time NHL scoring list last night, passing Marcel Dionne of the New York Rangers.

Gretzky moved past Dionne with his fourth point of the game, an assist on Luc Robitaille's goal at 14:47 of the second period.

**Assisted**  
Gretzky, playing in his 743rd NHL game, has 616 goals and an NHL-record 1,155 assists for 1,771 points. Dionne, a part-time player for the Rangers who is not with the team on its current road trip, has 1,770 points in 18 seasons.

Gordie Howe is the all-time NHL leader with 1,850 points. Gretzky also assisted on Robitaille's first-period goal and Bernie Nicholls' 47th of the season at 14:01. The assist on Nicholls' goal gave him 100 points for the season, his NHL-record 10th straight season with 100 or more points.

## Former Dodgers player dies

STONY CREEK, MILLS, Pennsylvania, Jan. 22. (AP) Carl Furillo, a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers during their glory years, died yesterday at his home. He was 66.

Furillo, who was born and raised in eastern Pennsylvania and returned there after his baseball career, died of natural causes yesterday morning. He played outfield on the Brooklyn team of 1955, immortalized as "The boys of summer," that won the first World Series in the franchise's history.

Furillo's 15-year career spanned the Dodgers' glory years and the controversial move of the franchise to Los Angeles in 1957. He was a member of the 1949, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956 and 1959 Dodgers World Series teams.

## IMRAN & CO. SKITTLED FOR 48 RUNS

# Auckland rout Pakistan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan. 22. (Reuters) Pakistan were beaten by seven wickets by a powerful Auckland XI who bundled the tourists out for a record low 48 in a 45-over cricket game today.

Rain delayed the start of play but when it did begin young Auckland pacer Danny Morrison soon set the match alight. In the opening over he had both openers dropped in the first three balls but still managed two wickets in the over.

He had Rameez Raja caught behind off the fifth ball and then Shoaib Mohammad out first ball. Bowling with pace and extracting a considerable movement, he hit Madassar Nazir a painful blow on the thigh in his second over and next ball sent the opener's off-stump cartwheeling.

It was a position from which Pakistan never recovered. From three wickets for six Morrison had them in further trouble when John Bracewell took a sharp second-slip catch off Saleem Malik to have Pakistan reeling at four for 19.

Pakistan lost their last five wickets while the score was on 48. Chief executioner was medium-pacer Martin Snedden who had



Danny Morrison



Martin Snedden

the figures of four wickets for seven runs off his seven overs. The only Pakistan batsmen to look at all comfortable on a pitch which was true but seemed were Javed Miandad — the sole Pakistani to reach double figures — and captain Imran Khan who was run out for six attempting to retain the strike.

Pakistan's score was 16 runs below the previous low for any one-day match in New Zealand. Auckland looked set to repeat Pakistan's performance when Richard Reid was caught by

Malik off Imran's first over. But former captain Jeff Crowe settled the innings until he also was caught by Malik off the young fast bowler Aaqib Javed for 15.

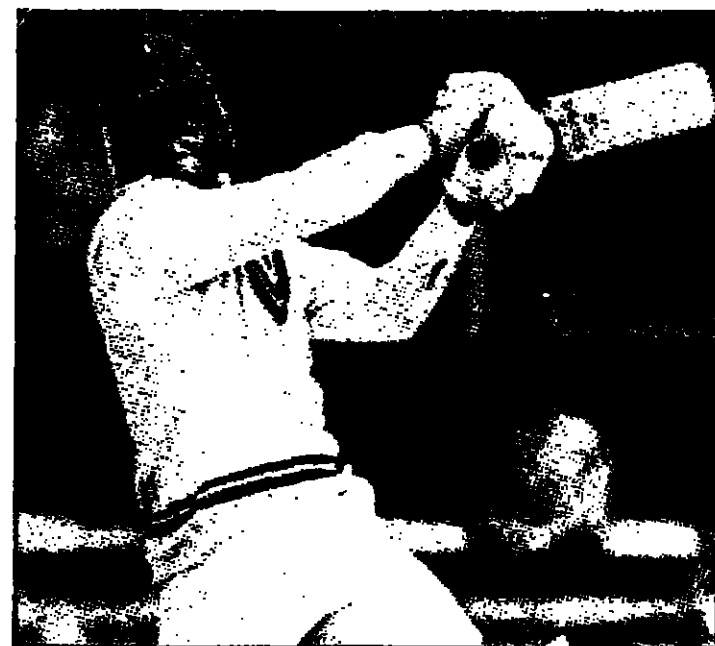
Further flurries in the Auckland camp were caused when Dipak Patel was out for one waving his bat outside the off-stump off Imran's bowling. Opener Phil Horne saw Auckland to the target of 49 without further loss.

Imran, not bowling at full pace, still finished with the fine figures of two for six off his eight

overs to give Pakistan their only crumb for the day.

### Scoreboard

PAKISTAN (all out in the 27th over):	
Mohammad Nazir b Morrison	2
Rameez Raja c Smith b Morrison	4
Shoaib Mohammad c Bracewell b Morrison	1
Javed Miandad c Smith b Watson	16
Saleem Malik c Bracewell b Morrison	6
Ijaz Ahmed b Snedden	8
Imran Khan run out	5
Sakib Yousuf c Smith b Snedden	0
Yasir Ahmed c Smith b Snedden	0
Aaqib Javed b Snedden	0
Saleem Jaffer not out	0
Extras (1lb, 1lb, 5w)	7
Total for 10 wickets	48
Fall of wickets 1-5, 2-5, 3-6, 4-19, 5-36, 6-48, 7-48, 8-48, 9-48, 10-48.	
Bowling: Morrison 7-2-18-4 (3w), Gillespie 6-2-9-1 (1w, 1w), Watson 7-2-13-1 (1w), Snedden 7-2-7-4.	
AUCKLAND Invitation XI (after 18 overs):	
John Reid c Malik b Imran	0
Jeff Crowe c Malik b Aaqib	15
Dipak Patel c Yousuf b Imran	1
Phil Horne not out	23
Martin Pringle not out	3
Extras (2lb, 3lb, 2w)	7
Total for three wickets	49
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-30 3-37.	
Bowling: Imran 8-6-2-1 (1w), Aaqib 8-0-41-0 (2w, 2w), Tamees 1-1-0-0.	
Result: Auckland won by seven wickets.	



Haynes: hit a six and 11 fours

## Haynes and Logie hit Queensland for tons

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 22. (Reuters) Acting captain Desmond Haynes and Gus Logie both hit centuries today as West Indies took the opportunity for some batting practice on the third day of their four-day cricket match against Queensland.

Haynes scored 102 and Logie was left unbeaten on 110 in a West Indies second innings total of 332. Queensland, chasing 409 for victory, were six for no wicket at the close.

Haynes, captaining West Indies for the first time, shrugged off his first innings duck with a disciplined innings lasting three and a quarter hours. It was his second first class century of the tour and his fourth overall.

He hit 11 boundaries and one soaring six off fast bowler Craig McDermott which landed in the stands. McDermott went on to concede 65 runs from his 15 overs, which included 10 no-balls, and he had only one wicket to show for his efforts.

Logie followed up his first innings 67 with another fine innings, his second century of the tour.

There was a glimmer of hope for the hard-pressed Australian selectors, who are trying to find a team capable of matching West Indies in the fourth Test in Sydney starting on Thursday, in the form of veteran leg spinner.

Trevor Hohns. Hohns took five for 71, including the wickets of Haynes and Logie (21), and with the Sydney Cricket Ground pitch favouring spinners his performance may be enough to earn him national selection for the first time at the age of 35.

### Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 316 (R. Harper 82, G. Logie 67, W. Benjamin 50)	
QUEENSLAND first innings 240 (T. Barty 67, C. Hooper five for 33)	
WEST INDIES second innings:	
D. Haynes c Barty b Hohns	102
J. Dujon c Cantrell b Rackemann	22
K. Arthurton run out	23
C. Hooper b Hohns	3
G. Logie not out	110
R. Harper b McDermott	9
D. Williams c Cantrell b Hohns	11
W. Benjamin c Hearn	12
L. Bishop c Tazelaar b Hohns	2
C. Walsh c Hearn b Hohns	12
P. Patterson b Tazelaar	8
Extras (b-4 lb-5 nb-19)	28
Total	332
Fall of wickets: 1-51 2-43 3-332	
4-205 5-219 6-247 7-278 8-293 9-323.	
Bowling: McDermott 15-0-65-1 (10 nb), Tazelaar 17-3-59-1 (7 nb), Rackemann 16-4-57-2 (2 nb), Hohns 35-10-71-5, Cantrell 15-1-71-4.	
QUEENSLAND second innings:	
T. Barty not out	0
J. Walker not out	2
Extras (lb-4)	4
Total (for no wicket)	6
Bowling to date: Patterson 2-2-0-0, Bishop 1-0-2-0.	

## Coggi defeats Brazier to retain WBA crown

VASTO, Italy, Jan. 22. (Reuters) Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina hung on to his World Boxing Association junior-welterweight title yesterday after being pushed to the limit by American Harold Brazier.

Coggi was awarded a unanimous points victory over the challenger after meeting far more resistance than he had expected in their 12-round bout.

The three judges scored the bout 116-113, 119-111 and 118-114 in 27-year-old Coggi's favour. But afterwards the Argentine said: "It was the hardest match of my life."

For much of the bout Brazier was forced to defend himself against Coggi's stinging punches but looked unperturbed when he was floored by a left hook in round 10.

In the early rounds Coggi flung his energy into several

flurries of punches, few of which hit home with the ferocity that have helped him to many victories in the past.

Brazier let his opponent tire before launching an attack of his own in the fourth round, surprising Coggi with a couple of swift right hooks and cutting his left cheek.

Coggi, whose grandfather came from near Vasto, had the crowd roaring for him with every connecting punch, but he grew tired and was unable to muster a blow capable of ending the bout inside the distance.

**Watched**  
Patrizio Oliva, the Italian whom Coggi beat in July 1987 to claim the title, watched the match from his former rival's corner.

The father of Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona was also in the audience cheering on Coggi.

## Yang wins Japan Open title

TOKYO, Jan. 22. (Reuters) World champion Yang Yang of China outclassed Malaysia's Foo Kok Keong 15-2-10 to win the Japan Open badminton men's singles title today.

In the 37-minute final, the 25-year-old Yang easily took the first game in 10 minutes with his fine deceptive drop shots and Keong's mistake-ridden smashes.

**Powerful**  
Yang later faced tough resistance as Keong, seeded fourth, delivered a series of powerful smashes to Yang's body in the second game.

But the left-handed and all-round Chinese player finally turned down Keong's challenge with his brilliant overhead smashes and tight defence play.

Yang said he would try to win the All-England Championships in March and the World Championships in June.

In the all-China women's singles final, world number one Li Lingwei took only 17 minutes to score an effortless 11-4 11-2 victory over Huang Hua for her fourth Japan Open singles title.

Li, 25, leader of the 1988 Grand Prix circuit, said she planned to retire from competition

next year after competing in as many tournaments as she can this year.

"Barcelona Olympics is too far away of time for me," Li said. Badminton is an official event in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

**Doubles**  
South Korea's Park Joo-Bong and Lee Song-Bok won the men's doubles and Britain's pair Gillian Clarke and Julie Mundy the women's.

The mixed doubles title went to another South Korean pair Park Joo-Bong and Chung Myung-Hee.

## Bullets outlast 76ers

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (AP) Steve Colter scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter, and John Williams blocked Charles Barkley's last-second shot last night to help the Philadelphia 76ers defeat the Washington Bullets.

Washington won its second straight and its first in three games against Philadelphia this season. The Sixers have lost two straight, both on the road.

Colter made the game-winning jumper with 42 seconds remaining, then drew a foul from Barkley with 28 seconds left. Washington was called for a 24-second violation after gaining possession, giving the ball back to the Sixers, but Williams was able to swat away Barkley's shot from the top of the key.

Jeff Malone scored 23 points for Washington and Bernard King had 20. Hershey Hawkins scored 25 points for Philadelphia and Barkley scored 20.

In other National Basketball Association games yesterday, Atlanta routed Charlotte 137-113; Cleveland defeated New Jersey 115-103; Phoenix overcame Chicago 116-107; Milwaukee stopped Denver 116-107; Seattle edged New York

121-119; and Golden State slammed Sacramento 136-111. Hawks 137, Hornets 113. Moses Malone and Dominique Wilkins scored 21 points each for the Atlanta Braves in a 133-130 loss to Denver on Dec 10.

**Cavaliers 115, Nets 103**  
Larry Nance scored a season-high 33 points and combined with Ron Harper for 28 points in the third quarter as Cleveland overcame a 13-point halftime deficit. Cleveland, with the NBA's best record at 29-7, has won four straight and 16 of 18.

**Suns 118, Bulls 107**  
Michael Jordan scored an NBA season-high 53 points but Phoenix overcame a 19-point first-quarter deficit.

**Bucks 116, Nuggets 107**  
Ricky Pierce scored 21 points and Milwaukee outscored Denver 41-21 in the third quarter.

**Supersonics 121, Knicks 119**  
Nate McMillan and Dale Ellis made 3-pointers in the final 90 seconds as Seattle won. New York, which led 70-56 at halftime, has lost the first three games on its seven-game road trip.

## Zimbabwe to represent Africa in Dunhill Cup

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Jan. 22. (AP) Zimbabwe will represent Africa at the Dunhill Cup golf championship for the third straight year after capturing the Africa zone title here today.

The tournament is played each October at St. Andrew's, Scotland.

The Zimbabweans won the 1989 Africa zone qualifying event at the Chapman course in the Zimbabwe capital of Harare with something to spare over six other golfing nations from the continent.

**Best**  
The Zimbabwe team, comprising Tim Price, Morgan Shumba and Anthony Edwards, had 36-hole scores of 151, 150 and 150 respectively, yielding them a best two players' score of 300.

Next best were Egypt and Nigeria with 307 apiece and Tanzania with 309.

The Chapman course played after intermittent rain, and the greens were difficult to read. The Zimbabweans were able to make full use of home advantage.

## Overseas entrants impressed with standard of Dubai race

By Gail Seery

THE Dubai Powerboat Race, which eventually took place on Friday had been cancelled a staggering four times due to weather and sea conditions. The race was originally intended as a local build up to the main event of the year, which is scheduled for March 10.

However, five Kuwaiti drivers, and a bewildering assortment of American and Australian drivers and throttlemen, who changed from race to race, also came to contest the rich spoils — around KD100,000 was shared between the top fifteen in each group.

Some local competitors were dismayed at the policy adopted by a few of Dubai's wealthier citizens of buying the best boats, and then bringing a professional from outside, to make sure that the boat got results. This time it paid off, and the top three boats and others were run in this way.

**Tactics**  
This was to an extent helped by the mild sea conditions — they had adopted the same tactics in former years, but the heavy seas of the last race had seen the standard boats coming home before the modifieds. On the positive side however, this tactic has meant that the standard of racing is very high.

It is perhaps one of the most warming factors of Mohammed Karam's fourth place in his UASC sponsored Tigerat, that his was the only non professional

team to make it through to the top placings, and the local contenders finished further behind. In the early days of Kuwait powerboat racing, Kuwait contenders were dismissed as novices, and the visiting Dubians tended to worry more about transporting their prizes back to Kuwait than about racing.

All five Kuwait racers have invested a great deal of time, money and commitment to race in Dubai — and will shortly repeat the exercise in Jordan. They are trying very hard to build up the sport here, but are showing a commitment and ability which should prove hard to match in the future.

Sadly however, Kuwait offshore powerboat racing cannot match the sums of money lavished on the race in Dubai, and lacks the government backing which could ensure its success. Racers have complained that the television, which will happily show footage of far off events with no direct interest to Kuwaitis refuse to televise local sports.

Karam and Sayafa had a trouble free run on Friday, but had to replace an engine block in the rather long lead up to the race. Others amongst the Kuwaitis were not so fortunate, particularly Ahmed Al Ansari and Khalifa Al Qatami, both of whom had changed their engines only a week before the race. Their frustration after the race was understandable. Qatami and Badr had however managed to finish within the honours, but



Alan Winger

had been looking for a high position. Their Perrier boat has experienced many setbacks during races, but it is to Qatami's credit that he keeps going and doesn't give up.

"We'd been driving two laps on full rpm. On the last lap I said to him — either the boat or the race — because there were three or four boats around us. The engines were over-heating and our alarm system was on," explained Abdullah Al Badr. "The rpm started to go low, and then the engines overheated. So we had to reduce the speed," confirmed Qatami.

Al Badr was particularly upset that the team had known that there was something wrong with the engines the night before the race and had appealed to fellow competitor Abdulla Al Sha'ali for help, but had not received any co-operation. He added that the



Karam (left), Khalifa Al Qatami (right) and a team member check their boat.

calm sea conditions took all the talent out of the race, and stressed that the results were based on engine power alone.

Mishal Al Jarallah had the worst luck of all, losing his beautiful Merit Cougar 27 in a road accident, and his fellow Cougar driver, Khaled Al Khaled found that the engines of his Tilda Rice boat had failed at the start.

In general, the other overseas entrants were impressed with the standard of the Dubai race. American Alan Winger said, "I've been here almost two weeks now. They cancelled out last week's race and we had to stay. We're the third pair of Americans to come over to race. Kirk and myself came over two weeks ago and we were going to have to go back if they didn't hold it this weekend, so it was fortunate for us that the weather

was good. The boat belongs to Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum."

"We had no problems, we just moved up steadily. We sorted everything out in the first lap. Howard was driving and I was throttling, and once we got some clear water we just started picking off one boat after the other and moved up into third, but there were two larger boats in front of us and they were handling the water much better than we were. The art is to keep your eye on the throttle — you'd be wide open most of the time, but you'd pop up enough that he has to back out of it a little. The race was excellent, great, the way they got everything going there at the start — it turned out real well."

"In the United States our races are usually about 130 or 140 miles, whereas this was around 70 miles, so it's a little bit shorter.

As far as the course goes, normally we run one pretty much as we had here — a triangle which we cover three or four times." On being asked if he would like to come back, he responded with a very firm, "I'd love to."

Major Harab, the organiser of the boat race told the Arab Times that he was pleased with the standard of the event, which took place with a slickness that most local events would envy. "The decision to cancel the races was a tough one, but the sea was not with us. This time the weather has been beautiful, proving we were right to wait." Waves had been only between two to four feet, conditions which had favoured the lighter and faster boats.

### Helpers

"150 people worked to make this race a success. We have an organising committee of four people, and we share the responsibility between us. Our helpers come primarily from the military; we could not put on a race of this calibre without the government's support."

Major Harab declined to estimate how many hours he had put into organising the race; "A lot of hours," he smiled. "The March race will be bigger than this, and we have learned many lessons, and will be trying to make the organisation of the next race completely professional."

Major Harab and his helpers should certainly be congratulated on an expertly run race.

## LOCAL CRICKET

## Perusinghe helps Lions blast CCK

LANKA LIONS skipper Perusinghe hit an unbeaten 56 to steer his team to a five-wicket victory over CCK in a Gulf Cricket League match at the EPI grounds on Friday.

CCK won the toss and opted to bat, opening their innings through Faisal and Sahir who put on 60 runs in only nine overs before the former was bowled by Nihal for 32.

Sahir continued to bat well until Dhammika had him caught off a slower ball for 31. After the fall of this wicket, the Lions' spinners ran through the CCK batsmen.

Dhammika took three wickets for 20 while Upul got three for 14 as CCK were all out for 124 in 27 overs. Nadeem tried to get on top of the bowling but he was run out for 22.

**Steadied**  
The other wicket-takers for Lions were Chula, Nihal and Alwis with one scalp each.

Lions, requiring just over four runs per over for victory, lost their first three wickets for only 27 runs. Perusinghe and Nadeem steadied the innings with a stand of 36 before the latter was out for 12.

Chula and Perusinghe then put on 43 runs before the former was out for 18. Perusinghe hit five fours in his unbeaten 56 to take his team to victory.

For CCK, Zahoor took two for 22 while Rames and Fawaz got one wicket each.

## New Pak beat Golden Star and Brothers

NEW PAK Cricket Club beat Golden Star and Young Brothers at the Blue Tower ground on Friday.

In the morning match, New Pak scored a four-wicket victory over Golden Star. New Pak bowler Sakhawt took three wickets for only 19 runs as Golden Star lost all their wickets for 144 in the 25 allotted overs.

In reply, New Pak lost some quick wickets but Mohammed Ali hit 45 and Sakhawt scored 32 to guide their team to victory. Sakhawt was named Man of the Match.

**First**  
In the second match, New Pak scored 142 while batting first. Hameed was the top scorer with 62 while Sakhawt hit 37 and Mohammed Ali 13.

Young Brothers did have things their way when they batted and the whole team was out for 122. Sakhawt took three wickets for 25 runs while Hameed got two for 19.

## Andrews puts W. Australia in command

SYDNEY, Jan. 22. (Reuters) An aggressive unbeaten century by Wayne Andrews gave Western Australia the initiative on the third day of their four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match against Tasmania in Perth today.

Andrews cracked 107 not



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Norwich win

LONDON, Jan 22. (Reuters): Norwich beat Millwall 3-2 (half-time 2-2) in an English League First Division soccer match today. Scorers: Millwall — Tony Casarino (11th minute), Jimmy Carter (43rd) Norwich — Ian Butterworth (2nd), Mark Bowen (8th), Fleck (90th).

## Japanese lose

NICOSIA, Jan 22. (Reuters): An Iranian provincial soccer side inflicted the only defeat of Japan's three-match tour on the visitors today, beating them 3-1.

## Cup qualifier

LUSAKA, Jan 22. (Reuters): Zambia beat Zaire 4-2 (half-time 2-1) in a World Cup Africa Group D qualifying soccer match today.

## Mike Tyson

LONDON, Jan 22. (AP): Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson said today he does "not really" want to get back together with his estranged wife Robin Givens. "I... don't want to talk about that situation," Tyson told interviewer David Frost on Britain's commercial TV-AM channel.

## Tunisia triumph

TUNIS, Jan 22. (Reuters): Tunisia beat Morocco 2-1 (half-time 2-1) today in a World Cup qualifying soccer match in African Group D.

## Qualifying match

HARARE, Jan 22. (Reuters): Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast drew 0-0 in a World Cup Africa Group A qualifying soccer match today.

## Stanley Wilson

MIAMI, Jan 22. (AP): Cincinnati Bengals running back Stanley Wilson was declared ineligible for today's Super Bowl because of alleged drug use, the National Football League announced just hours before the game.

## Youth team

TOKYO, Jan 22. (AP): The Celtic youth soccer team from Glasgow, Scotland, beat the Japan national youth team 3-1 today and wound up unbeaten in a four-game goodwill series in Japan.

## Cup slalom

WENGEN, Switzerland, Jan 22. (AP): Austria's Rudolf Nierlich edged Italian star Alberto Tomba to win a World Cup Slalom today and Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli virtually clinched the overall title.

## Cycling tour

MILAN, Italy, Jan 22. (AP): Organizers yesterday unveiled the 72nd edition of the Italian Road Cycling tour — a 22-stage marathon which will start from the Sicilian resort of Taormina on May 21.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Jan 22. (Reuters): Results of games played in the National Hockey League (NHL) yesterday:

Buffalo Sabres	6	Boston	5
New York	8	Minnesota	6
Hartford	5	Los Angeles	4
Quebec	4	Calgary	3
Pittsburgh	7	Edmonton	4
Montreal	4	Toronto	3
New York	5	Vancouver	4
Philadelphia	7	Winnipeg	3
St Louis	4	Chicago	2

## Italian soccer

ROME, Jan 22. (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today:

Ascoli	1	Torino	0
Bologna	0	Vercelli	0
Como	0	Pescara	0
Inter	1	Lazio	0
Juventus	0	Atalanta	1
Lecco	0	Florentina	0
Prato	1	Cesena	0
Roma	1	AC Milan	3
Sampdoria	0	Napoli	0

## Two injured on first timed stage of Monte Carlo rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan 22. (Reuters): Two spectators were injured when Italian driver Alessandro Fiorio's Lancia left the road on the first timed stage of the Monte Carlo rally today, organisers said.

The timed stage at St Bonnet-Le-Froid in the Massif Central was cancelled to allow ambulances to take the two spectators to hospital. One was suffering from a broken leg and the other from bad bruising.

Fiorio was able to continue but only 21 of the 166 cars taking part were classified in the stage won by Juha Kankkunen of Finland in a Toyota. World champion Massimo Biasion of Italy was second in his Lancia, just six seconds behind.

## Lustre

The cars which could not finish should, under rally rules, be credited with the worst time achieved before the accident. This would put them more than two minutes behind the Finn.

Six world rally champions are

## CASH AND EDBERG OVERCOME OPPONENTS

## McEnroe joins Lendl in last 16

MELBOURNE, Jan 22. (Reuters): American John McEnroe continued his single-minded climb back to the top of men's tennis by brushing past West Germany's Patrick Kuehnen into the last 16 at the Australian Open today.

McEnroe, seeded seventh, won 6-2 7-5 6-2 in a disciplined performance that contained no hint of the tantrums which marred his second-round match against Australia's Brod Dyke.

"That's the best I've felt I've concentrated in quite a while," said McEnroe after a third-round match sprinkled with touches of genius from the left-hander.

"If I can keep that level of concentration then I feel I'll be in great shape," McEnroe now meets 10th seed Aaron Krickstein who disposed of Niclas Kroon of Sweden 6-4 7-5 6-4.

Number two seed Ivan Lendl gunned down 17-year-old Swede Niklas Kulti in straight sets while fourth seed Stefan Edberg dished out similar treatment to American Johan Kriek.

Australian Pat Cash, Open finalist for the past two years and Edberg's next opponent, expended minimum effort to maximum effect in disposing of Britain's Jeremy Bates 7-6 6-2 6-3.

Cash hit trouble only once, handing Bates two set points in the tiebreak at 6-4.

Bates, ranked 179, blew his chance by serving a double fault.



Sabatini gets ready to hit a backhand shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cash pulled level at 6-6 and from then on made sure his opponent was never in with a prayer.

"Once I got my eye in I thought I played pretty well but the wind was swirling around all over the place," Cash said.

World number one Steffi Graf served in the opening game of the women's draw after a tougher-than-expected tussle with Aus-

tralia's Nicole Provis while Gabriela Sabatini stumbled before beating Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-0 4-6 6-1.

Reggi, smiling broadly despite her predicament, came back bravely from her first set whitewash to break the third seed's serve in the opening game of the second.

Sabatini regained control

early in the decider thanks to her whipped topspin forehand which Reggi found increasingly difficult to counter.

Provis, the number 16 seed, broke Graf's serve twice in the first set which she eventually lost 6-4, before being blown away 6-0 in the second as the West German opened up the throttle.

Graf, who had lost only four games before today's match, now meets compatriot Claudia Kohde-Kilsch.

"I played really well in the first but I don't know what happened in the second. I suppose my concentration went a bit," Provis said.

"I should never have let her get to four-all," Graf said later. "I was not working enough against the wind. I was hitting too short and letting her do things."

Lendl had as many problems with the cold, flukey wind as his opponent but pronounced himself satisfied with his progress so far.

"Don't worry about me," he said. "It is hard to tell at this stage but I'm fairly happy with my form. The question is whether I can maintain and even raise the level of my play and have a bit of luck as well."

"It doesn't matter how good you are, you need luck. Of course you create your own luck but you still need a little help." Lendl now plays Israel's Amos Mansdorf who cased past American Brett Garnett in straight sets.

Edberg was also in a relaxed

frame of mind after his first appearance on the centre court.

"I am a lot happier today than after my last two matches."

"Even though I won Wimbledon, I had a bit of disappointing year last year but I have come into 1989 with a fresh mind and hopefully I can perform better than I have been."

Edberg was far from impressive, however, in a match riddled with service breaks and rejoicing in few worthwhile rallies.

Kriek, like Edberg a two-time champion here, won four games in a row in the first set to go 4-2 up before the Swede, who looked half-asleep throughout, finally started to move easily around the court.

## Spurred

Edberg recovered to take the first set 7-5 and did just enough to stay ahead of the American for the rest of the match, winning 7-5 7-5 7-5.

Magnus Gustafsson, spurred on by vocal Swedish supporters, came back from two sets and 4-2 down to beat Australian Darren Cahill.

The supporters really pushed me through otherwise I don't think I would have made it," Gustafsson said after his 6-7 6-7 5-6 6-4 win.

An angry Cahill was less impressed with the 50 Swedish fans on court two. "They are a bunch of idiots in my opinion, they behave like a football crowd. I served a double fault and they started chanting."

## Aoki triumphs in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 22. (AP): Japan's Isao Aoki scored a one-stroke win today in the \$525,000 Coca-Cola Classic tournament to become the first Japanese golfer to win a major tournament in Australia.

Aoki, 46, of Tokyo, finished at nine under par 279 with a final round of one under par 71 to hold off a pack of challengers and capture the first prize of \$94,000. Aoki's four rounds were 69-73-66-71.

Australian Rodger Davis missed a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole to force a playoff.

Davis finished with a final round of one under par 71, one stroke behind Aoki on eight under par 280.

In all, four players tied for second at eight under par — Davis, Japan's Tommy Nakajima and Australians Peter Fowler and Peter O'Malley.



Isao Aoki

## India brush aside Kenya for third place

## Pakistan beat Netherlands for title

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 22. (Reuters): Pakistan retained the Indra Gandhi Gold Cup today when they beat the Netherlands 2-1 in a hockey final interrupted by a dispute between the Pakistani manager and the Dutch players.

Manager Islahuddin rushed on to the field early in the second half after one of his players had been hit on the head by a Dutch stick.

Restored Islah's incursion upset the Dutch players who began pushing him and the game was held for three minutes before the umpires restored order.

Neither side managed to score in the first half but three

minutes after the break Pakistan took the lead when skipper Qazi Mohib converted a penalty corner with a direct hit.

Five minutes later, substitute Arif Bhopali put them two ahead when he cracked a pass from Tahir Zaman into the net.

The Netherlands, winners of the first Gold Cup two years ago, rallied and Eric Parvliet scored off a penalty corner but his effort came too late.

India finished third by crushing Kenya 4-0.

## Results

Pakistan beat Netherlands 2-1 (half time 0-0)

Scorers: Pakistan — Qazi Mohib (38th minute), Arif Bhopali (43rd).

Netherlands — Eric Parvliet (68th).

Playoff for third place: India beat Kenya 4-0 (2-0)

Scorers: India — Sujit Kumar (5th, 37th), Jude Felix (28th, 67th).

Playoff for fifth place: Poland beat Malaysia 4-3 (2-2)

Scorers: Poland — Hensler Leszek (11th), Krzysztof Michaelak (22nd), Piotr Zoltowski (61st), Pawel Bogucki (68th).

Malaysia — S. Sivabalan (8th, 34th), Nor Sai Ful (41st)

## British Ski Federation drops Eddie

LONDON, Jan 22. (Reuters): Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards has been dropped from next month's World Ski Jumping Championships because the British Ski Federation thinks he is jumping worse than ever.

Edwards, who is currently in the United States recovering from injury, said he would be complaining.

## Minimum

But John Leaning, Nordic director of the federation, said today: "We set Eddie a minimum standard to achieve for entering the world championships. He had to jump within 25 per cent of an international competition-winning jump. He hasn't done that."



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